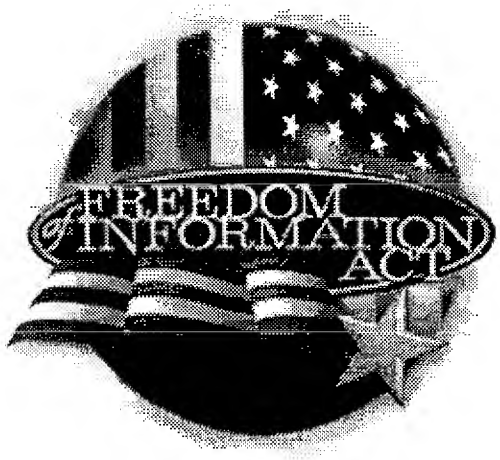
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New York City,
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My Dear Mr. Hoover:

Preston and Allen news commentators stated Sunday night via Radio that an investigation was being made into the membership and funds of the America First Committee. Am sure that the America First Committee are not one bit scared of any investigation.

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As an American patriot and a proud member of the America First Committee I demand that an investigation also be made of the membership and funds of the Defend America By aiding the Allies, Fight for Freedom, and the Union Now Committees.

A reply is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

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New York, New York

Dear [redacted] b7C

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked July 28, 1941. I want to thank you for your courtesy in communicating with me.

Please be advised that the jurisdiction of this Bureau to conduct investigations is limited strictly by Federal statute to alleged violations of specified Federal laws.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Hon. John Edgar Hoover,
Chief F. B. I.,
Washington,
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Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto a card sent out by Senator Burton K. Wheeler to my son, [redacted] who will probably be drafted within the next few days.

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This, in my opinion, is so nearly treasonable that I feel that it should be investigated by your organization.

My father served in the War between the States, I served in the Spanish American war and now I have nine sons and sons-in-law, one of whom is already in the army and the others ready to go when called, and not one of the whole crowd has ever complained that he wanted out or to be left out and every one of us who has served went in for the duration, and if and when I am needed in any capacity, I am ready to go and will proud of any service I gan be to my country, and certainly, I will never be heard advising the Government to turn its back on the liberty and freedon which our forefathers won for us at so great a sacrifice.

Yours very truly,

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Federal Bureau of Investigations,
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Gentlemen:-

In connection with publicity this week concerning Senator Wheeler's mailed-out postal card, I am enclosing the one received by me:

Please note the stenciled name address. This was done in some magazine publication's mailing room. Note the expiration date is January 1941. I am unable to compare the stencil with magazines I was receiving, because the time is out, and I have no back numbers on hand. However, I am giving you a complete list of magazines that I received during the year 1940 that I am not getting now.

This mail label was on one of the following: Woman's World, Movie Mirror, Country Home, Southern Agriculturist, Better Homes & Gardens, True Story.

I am rather of the opinion it is the same type and stencil that was used on mailing Woman's World, which is a Capper publication mailed out of Kansas City, Mo.# This particular magazine has also a racket in connection with puzzles. When a subscriber answers a puzzle they write back that it is a fine answer and to send a certain amount of money and it will put you "in the running."

Because of this it is possible for you to work more easily, maybe, through the postoffice department--if you care to investigate the source of the mailing of the Wheeler postal card. And, this might eventually throw some light on where the financial clearing house is for the America First outfit, and may give you a clue to the source of the money that pays off their speaker expense accounts, etc.

Yours sincerely,

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#or Topeka, Kans.

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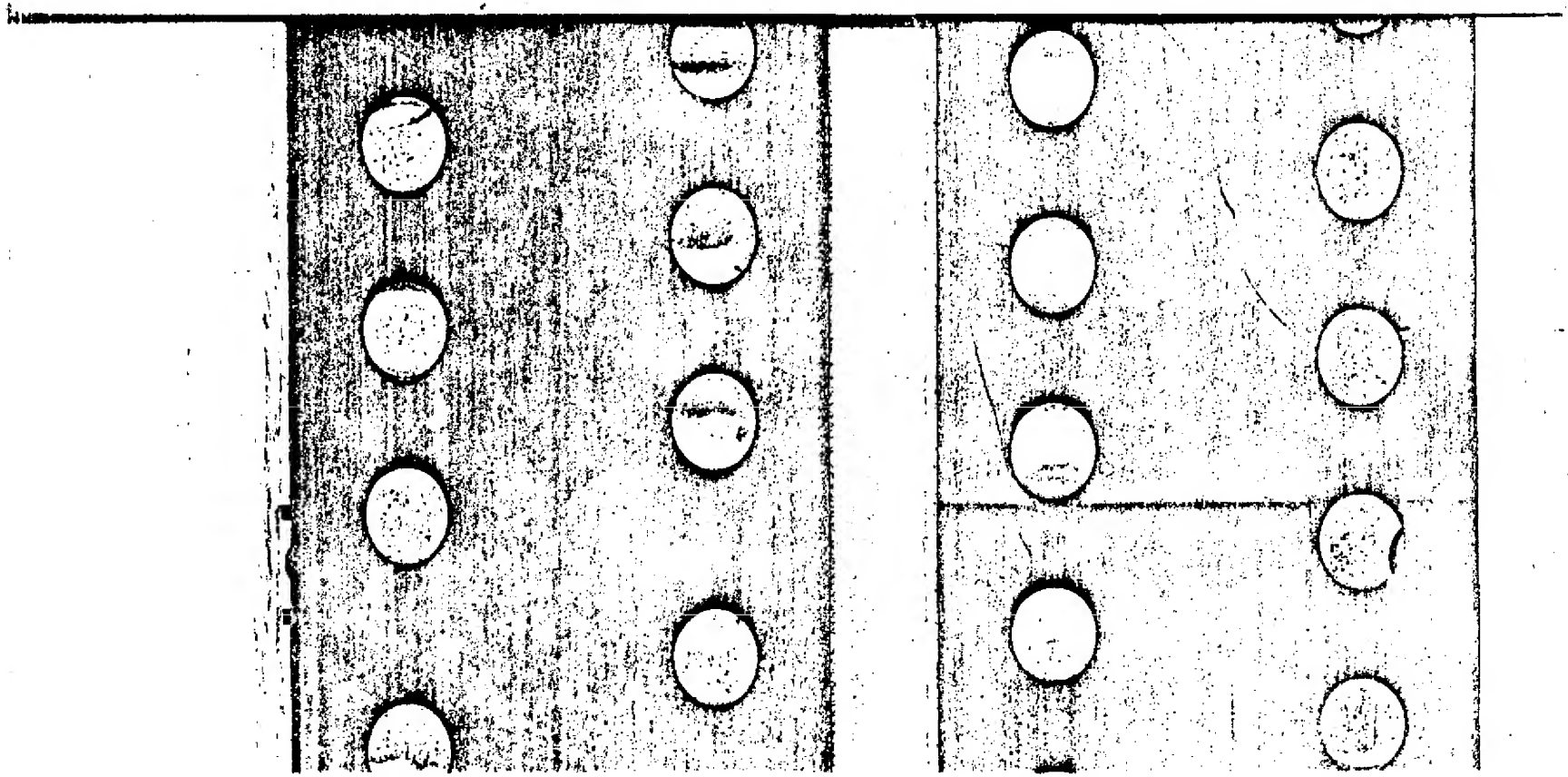
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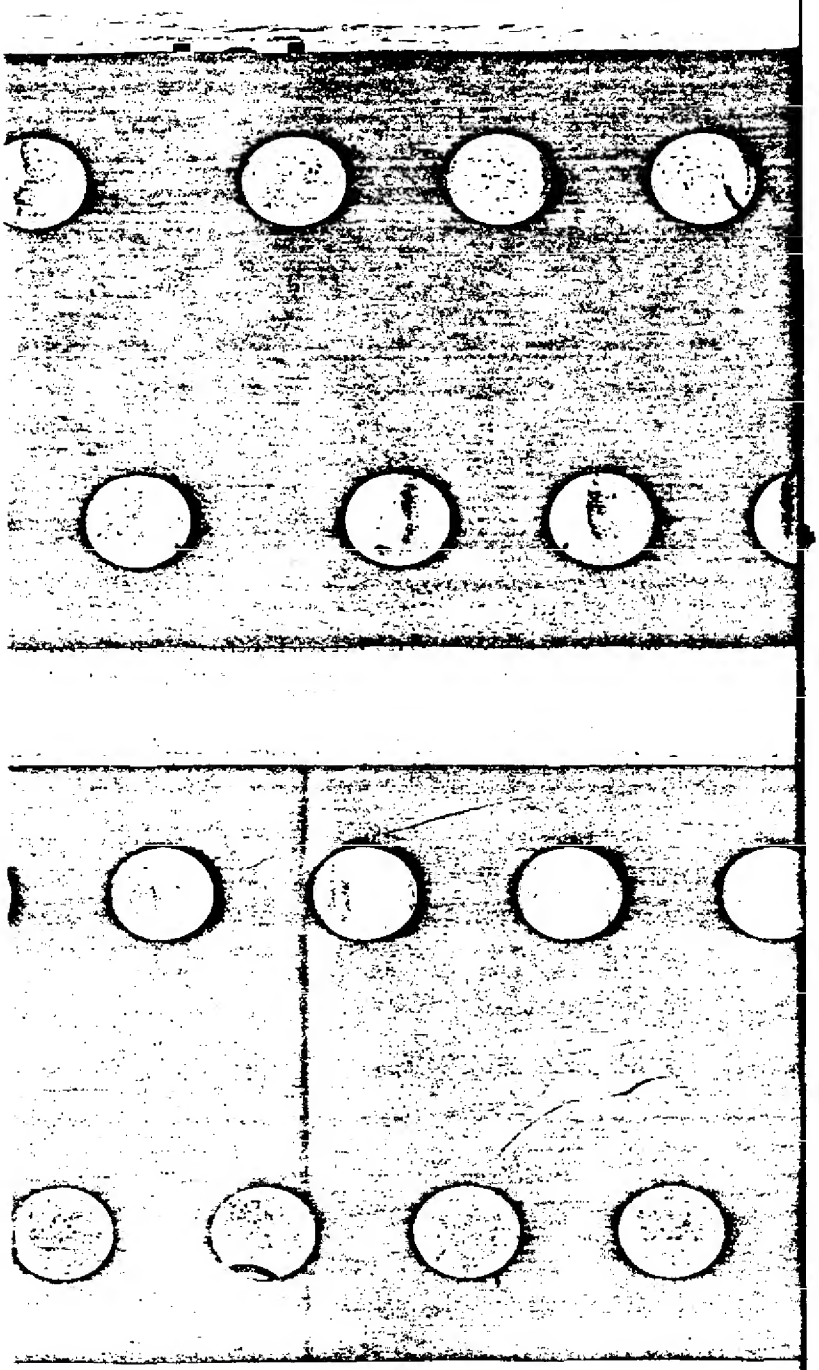
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July 26, 1941

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Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing one of those cards Senator Burton K. Wheeler sent to my mother.

We are loyal American citizens, approve of our President, and have no respect for anyone who is trying to undermine our American Freedom, either intentionally or unintentionally.

Something needs to be done about the abuse of our Freedom of Speech, and Mr. Wheeler needs to be told that there are people in our U. S. who consider the receipt of such literature as I am sending you a gross insult to the recipient and a reflection on his intelligence.

Respectfully yours,

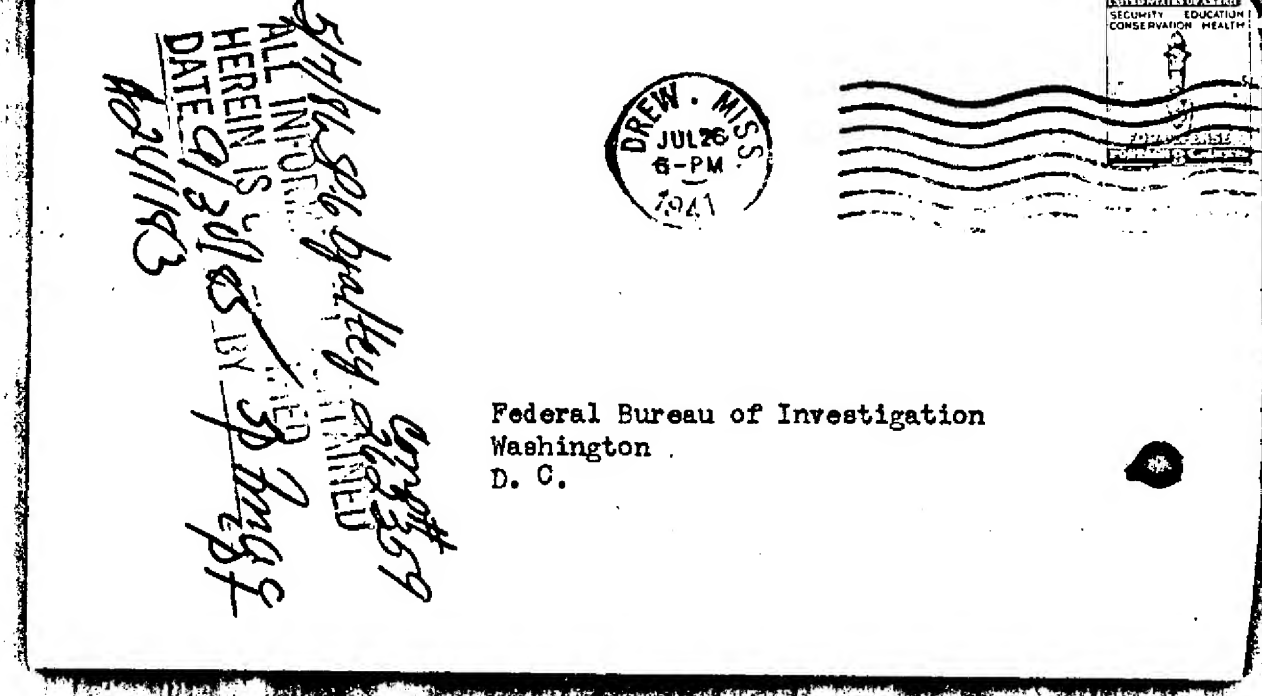
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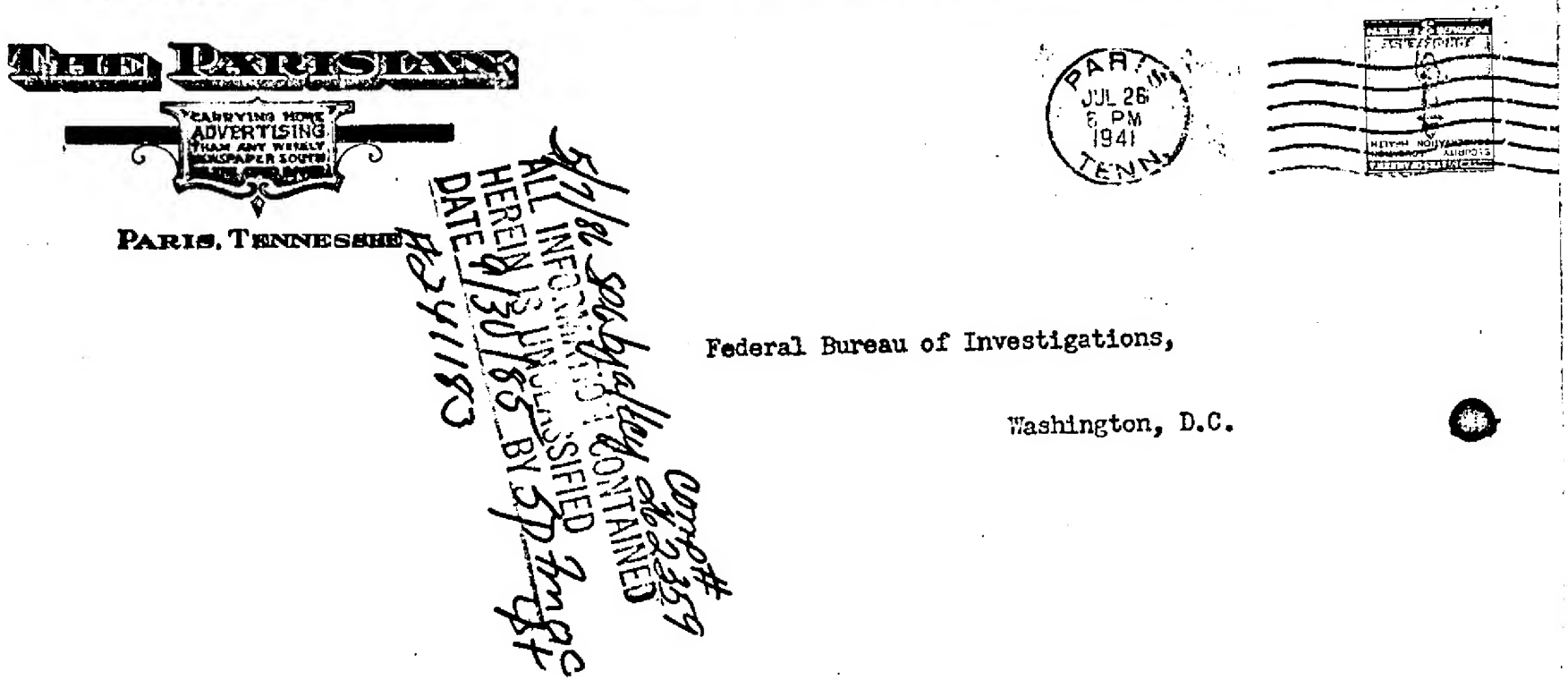
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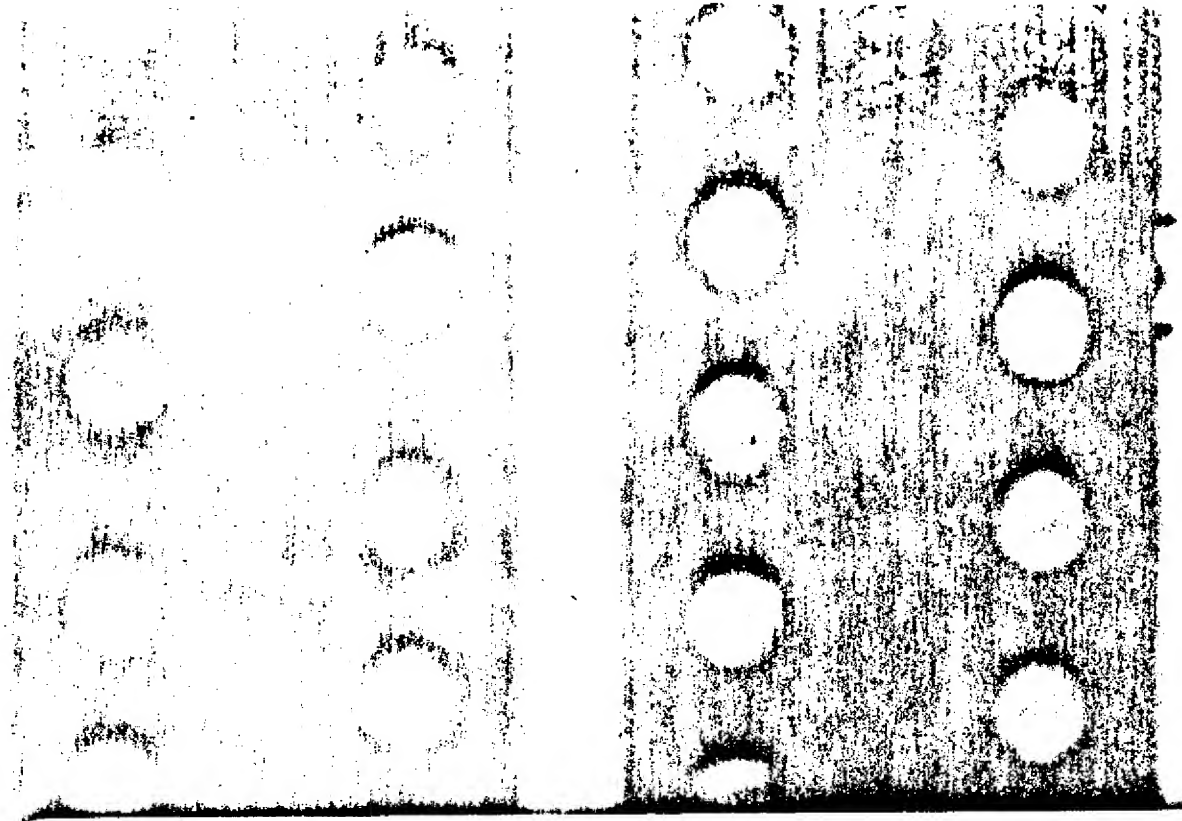


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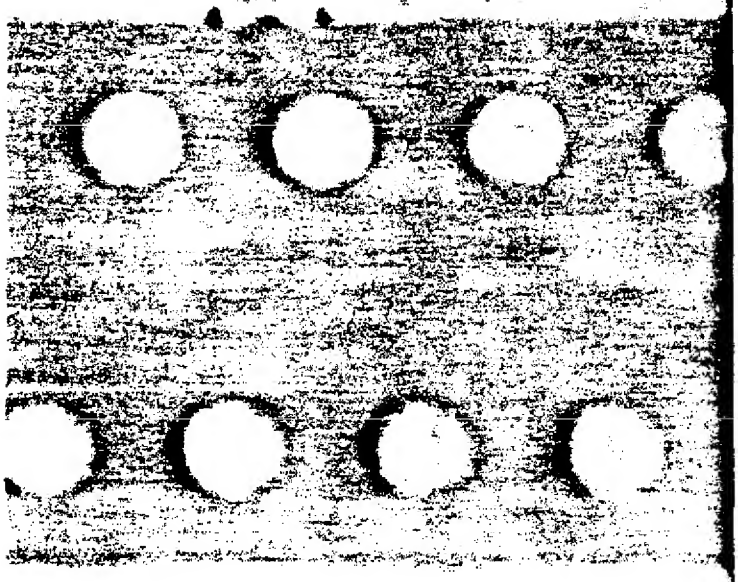
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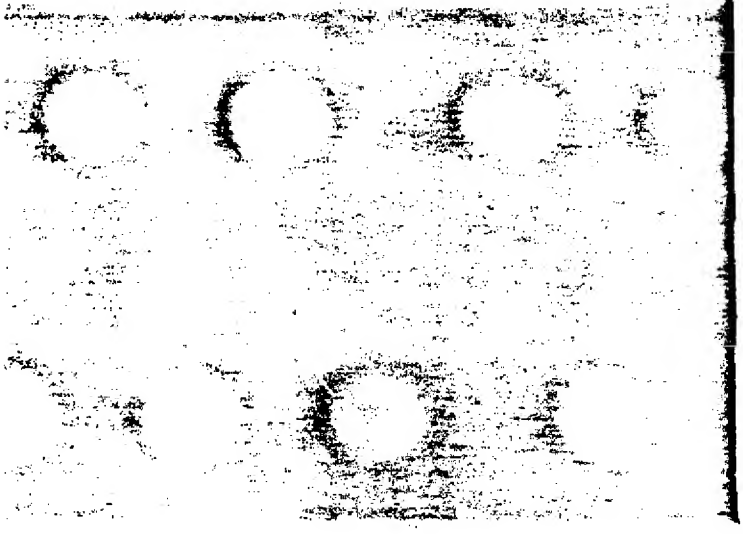
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information and as of possible interest to you, I am transmitting herewith a summary memorandum of information furnished to this Bureau by a reliable confidential informant, which relates to the America First Committee.

I am also enclosing a photostatic copy of Bulletin No. 85, dated May 16, 1941, of the publication "Uncensored."

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated July 15, 1941, addressed to [redacted] by [redacted] concerning the activities of the America First Committee in Chicago.

You will recall that [redacted] handed me this letter and advised that it had been received from [redacted] stated that [redacted] had requested that the Bureau have an Agent interview [redacted] at Chicago. It is noted in the attached communication that he advises he will be [redacted]

[redacted] suggested that [redacted] be interviewed in detail for any additional information he might have concerning the activities of this organization.

Respectfully,

A. M. Thurston

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Mr. Nease
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

I called Assistant SAC Johnson in Chicago and advised him that an individual named [redacted] had communicated with [redacted] indicating that he had information with respect to activities of the America First Committee in Chicago [redacted]

I told Mr. Johnson that the Bureau had been advised of [redacted] letter by reason of the fact that [redacted] had referred it to us with the request that [redacted] be interviewed.

I told Mr. Johnson that [redacted] and that accordingly immediate arrangements should be made to interview him.

5:50 P.M.

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Mr. Johnson called back and advised that [redacted] There is, therefore, no further action which can be taken with respect to interviewing him until a more definite address can be obtained. I am instructing Mr. Thurston to refer [redacted] to determine whether any further information is available and what additional action they desire.

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FOXWORTH FILE

Respectfully,

R. P. Kramer

R. P. Kramer

[redacted] stated that no further action on the part of the Bureau was desired in the matter and apologized for forgetting to advise the Bureau immediately when [redacted] contacted him.

A.M.T.

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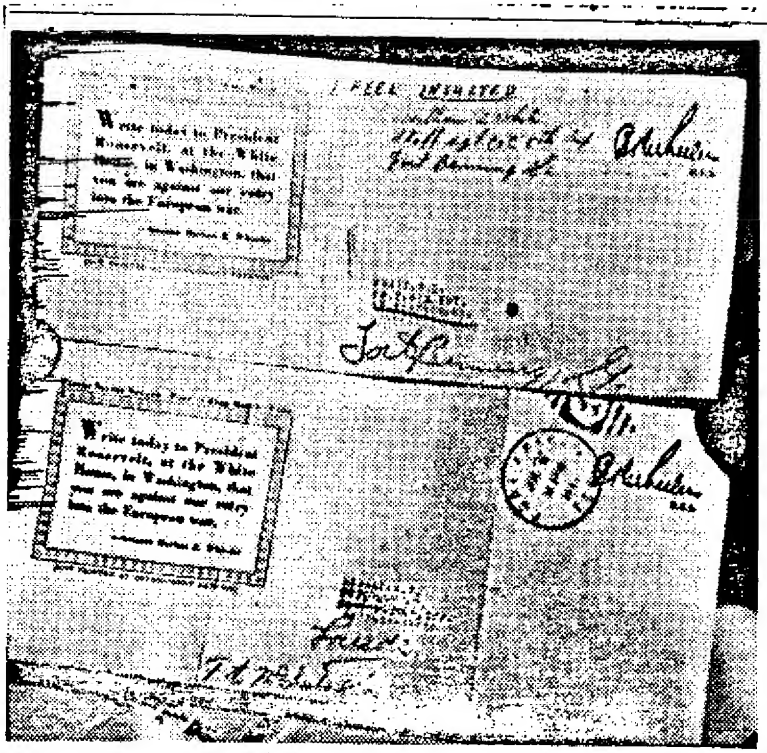
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—Associated Press Wirephoto

WHEELER ACCUSED OF CARD CAMPAIGN—Washington, July 24—These two cards addressed to army officers and bearing the frank of Senator Wheeler were exhibited today by Secretary of War Stimson, who charged they came close to "subversive activities." Note the "I feel insulted" printed across the top card by recipient.

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Dear [redacted]

Acknowledgment is hereby made of your letter dated July 26, 1941, with enclosure.

Please be advised that the content thereof has been made a matter of permanent record in the official files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

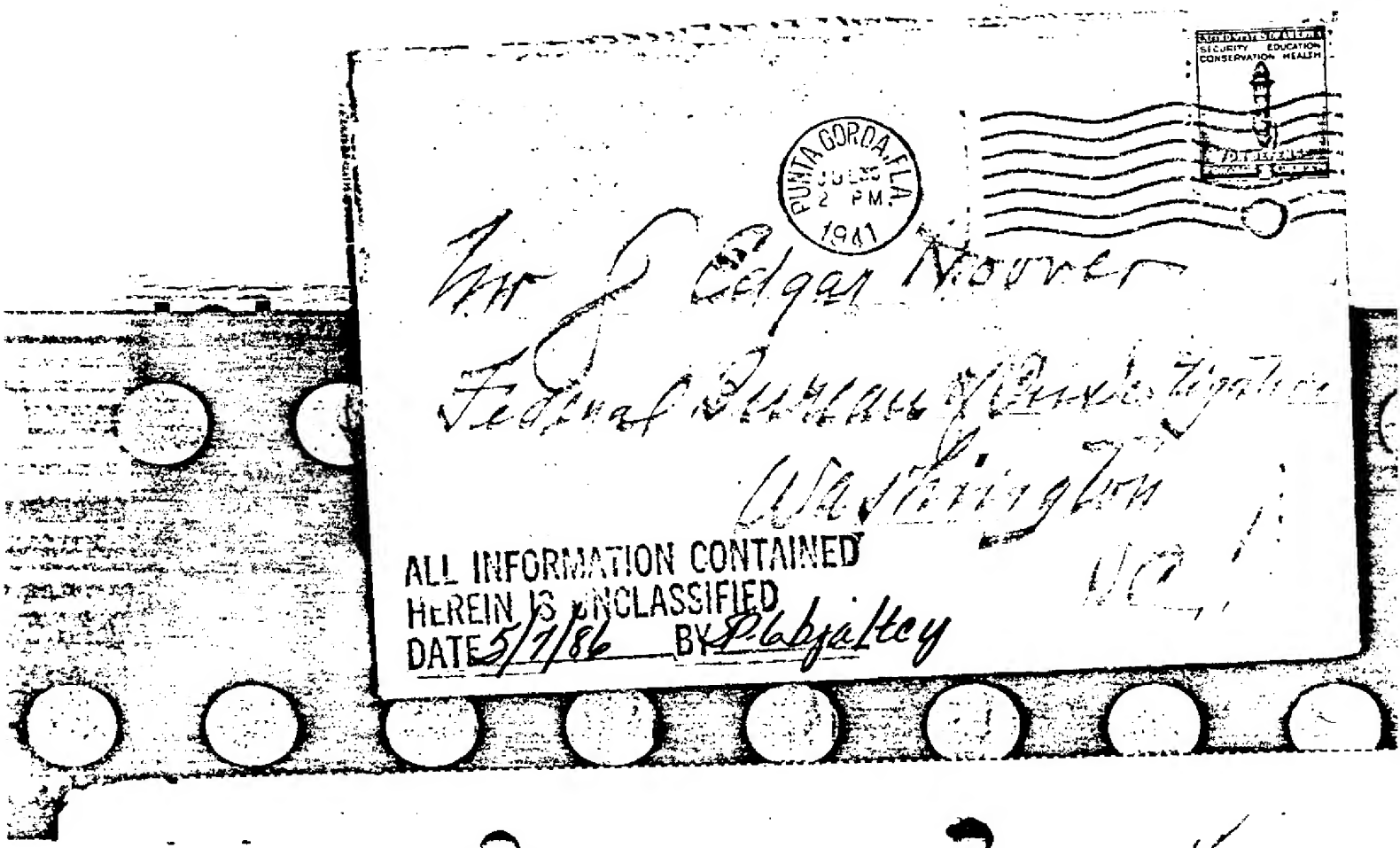
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TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

Jr 71WUKI 37 N.L.4 Ex.

BOSTON, MASS., JULY 24, 1941

STEPHEN EARLY:

IF REPORT TRUE THAT GOVERNMENT PRINTING PRESS USED TO PRINT SUBVERSIVE DOCUMENTS WE TRUST STERN MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN AND BELIEVE EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN WILL ENDORSE SUCH ACTION. A SUBSTANTIAL GROUP ENDORSE.

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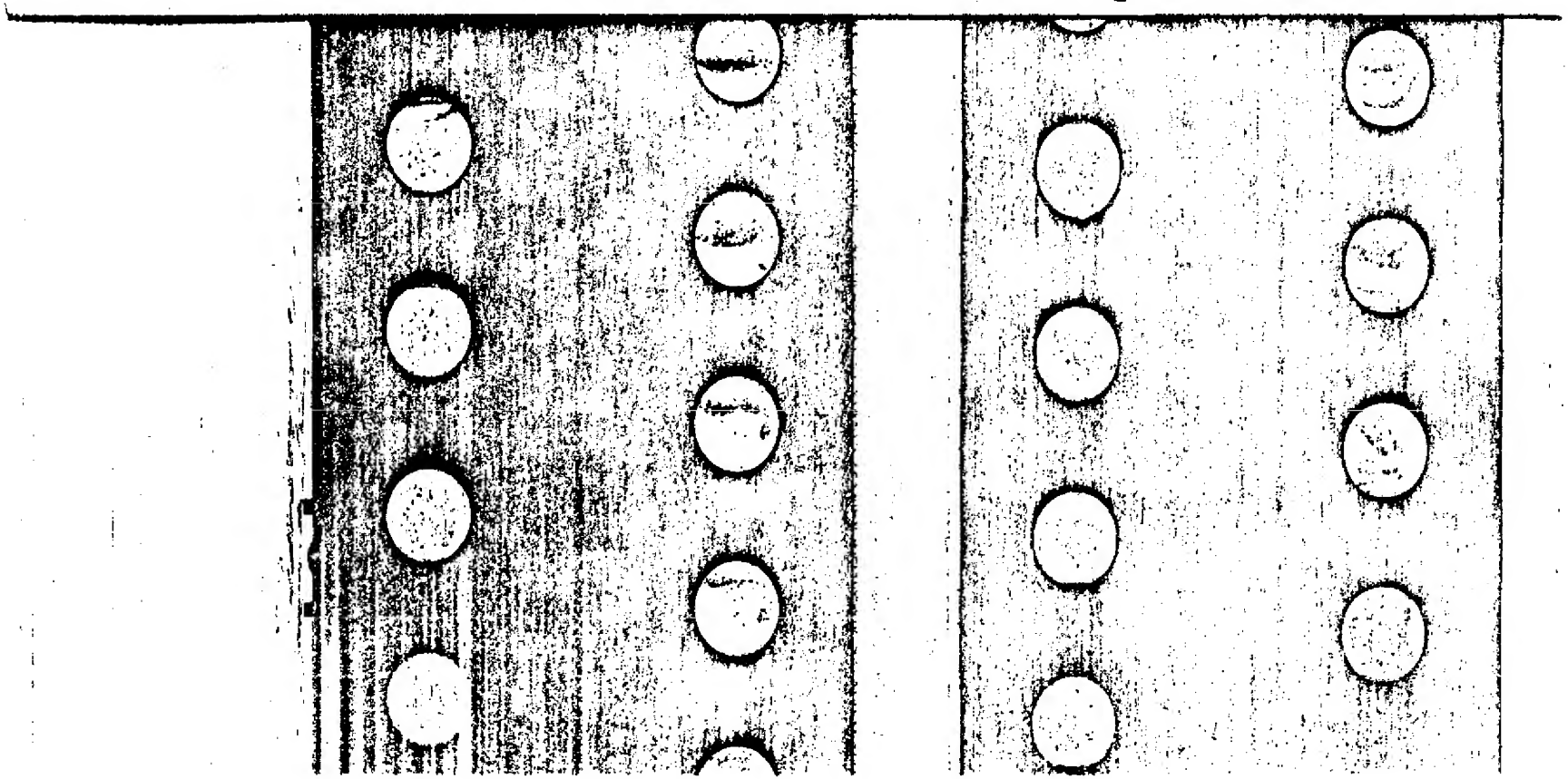
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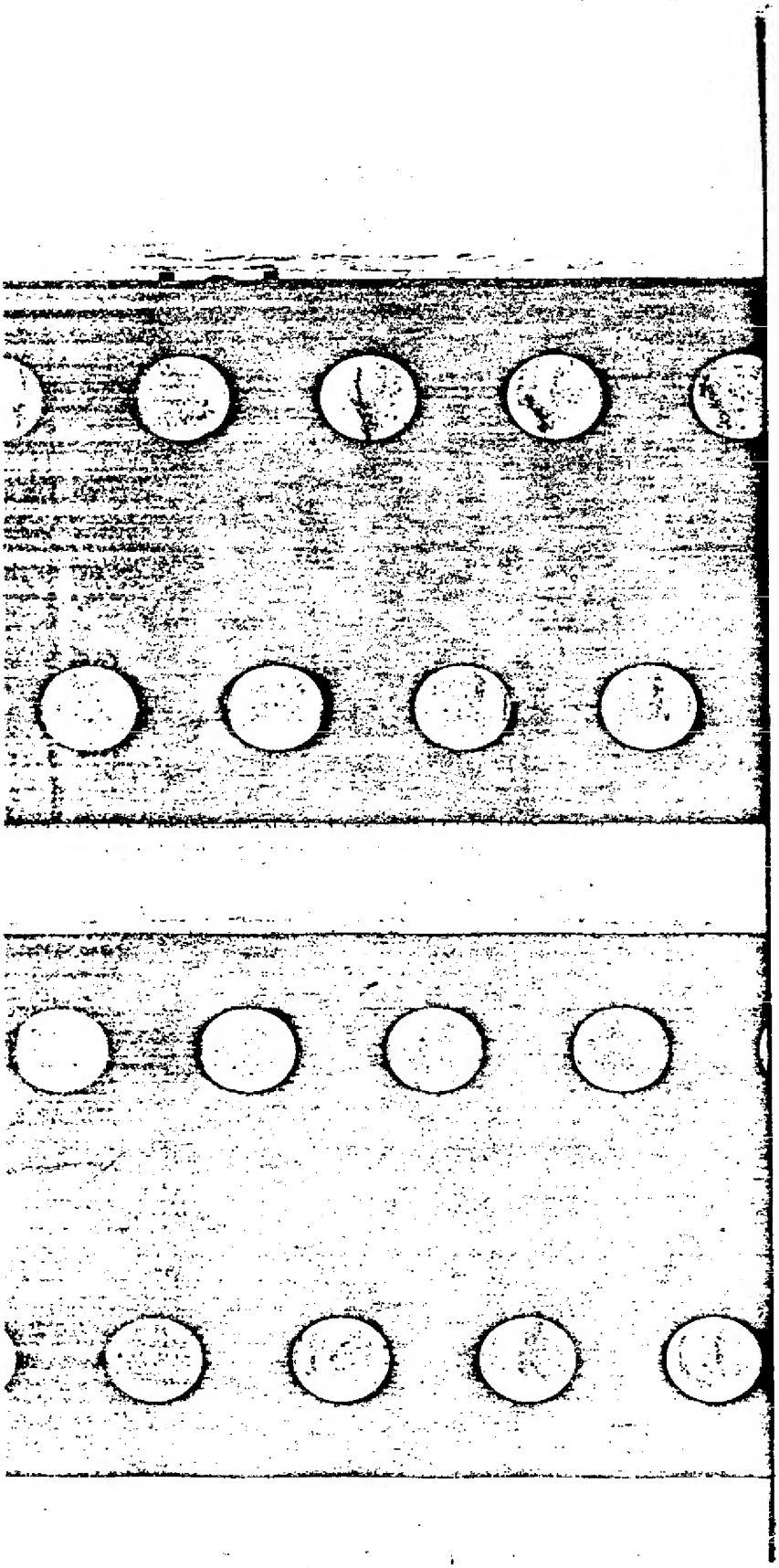
UNITED STATES SENATE—PART OF CONG. RECORD—FREE

Write today to President Roosevelt, at the White House, in Washington, that you are against our entry into the European war.

—Senator Burton K. Wheeler

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAID:

"And while I am talking to you, fathers and mothers, I give you one more assurance. I have said this before, but I shall say it again, and again, and again, your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars."—Speech at Boston, October 30, 1940.

FORMER PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER SAYS:

Right now we need calm thinking. We need reason. We need tolerance. We need deliberation. We must not be swept off our feet by the profound depth of our emotions.

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SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER SAYS:

The American people should tell President Roosevelt that they expect him to live up to his campaign pledges and keep this country out of the European war. They should write their Senators and Congressman regarding their views.

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FORMER AMBASSADOR JOSEPH P. KENNEDY SAYS:

"The people who must suffer and give up their lives are entitled to know the facts before their judgment can be won to the interventionist cause. We must have the completest candor; we must have the fullest disclosure; we must have the freest debate. * * * A direct attack on us would require an armada mightier than the power of man could create."

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COL. CHARLES LINDBERGH SAYS:

. . . the propaganda of war has spread through our country. Once we entered a war that was going to make the world safe for democracy and end all need for war in the future. We sent 2,000,000 troops overseas. After that we left the future of the world in the hands of our college presidents and our idealists. The greatest wars and the bloodiest revolutions of all history have taken place under their guidance.

. . . Now they want us to go to war again. Our Government asks us to preserve democracy abroad by creating a dictatorship in our own country. And all this in the name of idealism.

The future of democracy depends on our ability to govern our own country. It is far more essential for this country to have farms without mortgages, workmen with their own homes, and young people who can afford families than it is for us to crusade abroad for freedoms that are tottering in our own country.

Our principles are open and clear. We believe that the security of this country depends upon our own character and strength. We believe that the best way to defend our Nation is to keep our armies on our own soil. We stand for an independent American destiny.

If you stand with us, we ask you to help us by organizing meetings, by talking to your friends, by writing to your Representatives in Washington. The crisis is here. We need your assistance now. The entire future of America depends on the action we take at this time.

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SENATOR GERALD P. NYE SAYS:

My fear is not as to any probable or likely outcome of Europe's war. What concerns me is the knowledge that, if we go into the war, whatever the outcome of that war will be, the United States will be the Nation most hated and most despised by all the warring nations and their peoples.

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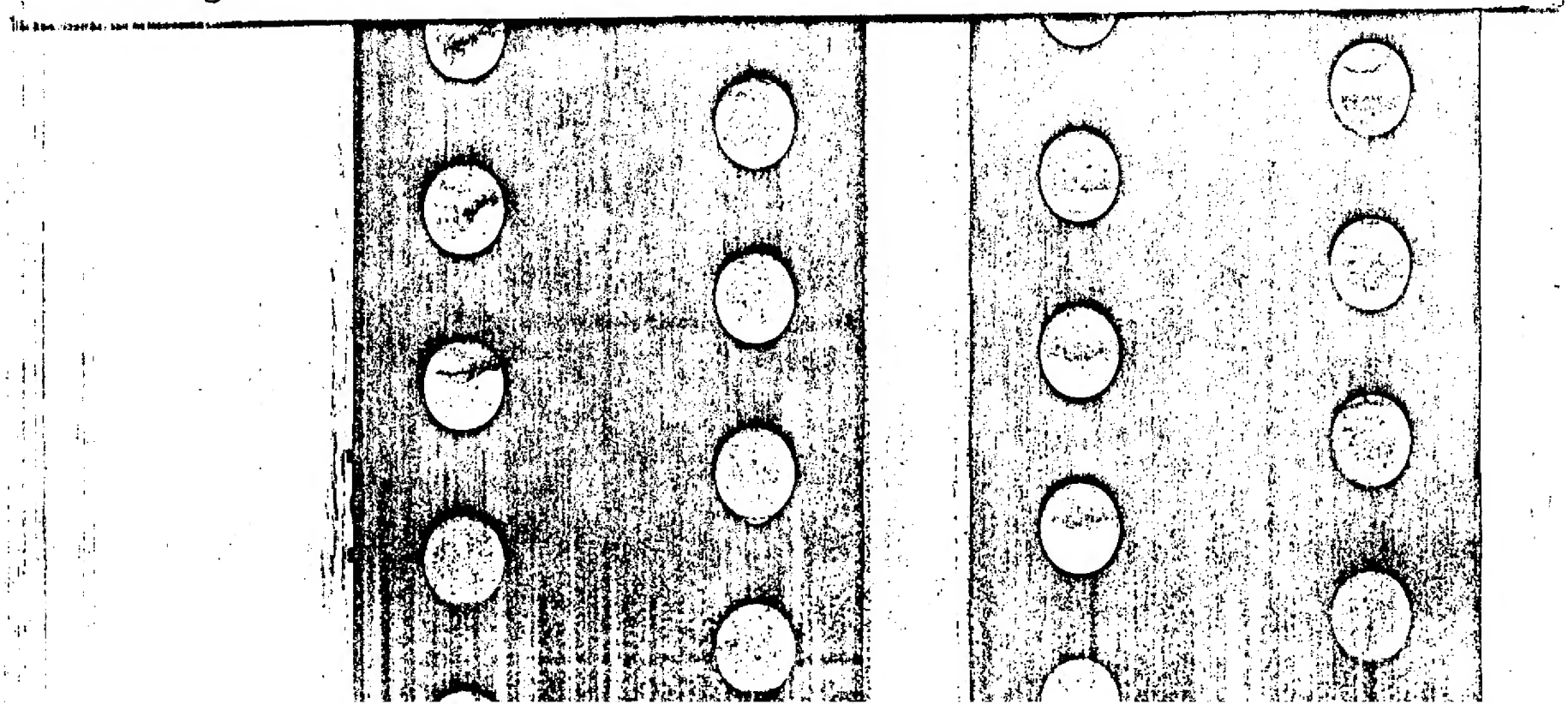
Mr Stephen Early.
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Secretary to the President of the United States.

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Dear [redacted] b7C

Your telegram dated July 24, 1941, addressed to Honorable Stephen Early, Secretary to the President, has been referred to the FBI from the White House. I want to express my appreciation for your courtesy and interest in communicating with the Federal Government.

Please be advised that the content of your communication has been carefully noted and included in the official files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 14, 1941
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 16 1941
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr Stephen Early,
Secretary to the President of the United States.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this, due to the activities of Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana. Mr Wheeler it appears to me has a personal feeling against our Commander in Chief beyond that of patriotism. His influence must be far reaching in Europe, specially Germany, as I have information that he had a prisoner of war who was in a concentration camp, in occupied France, released and said person is in the United States now. He came here on a Visa and reads American farmer. Senator Wheeler has an associate in Washington who was formerly in the German Consulate in N. Y., and this party got into some trouble and lost his place in said Consulate. Later this man an American born German who is married to a German born woman, went to Maryland and was connected with the Bata Shoe Co. He left them suddenly under a cloud before the F.B.I. went in to investigate the plant. His next move was to Washington where he is close at hand working for Wheeler. The man who was released from the Concentration camp is closely related to a man, who talked to Washington and said this man (the refugee) must be released from the German prison camp. He also stated that the others must be brought here from Europe. This party who

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Showed Washington has in his possession Franks envelopes that he uses to correspond with Schuchs office. Over the phone he was told they could not talks on the phones, he would have to come to Washington he made two trips. This man who is related to the refugee has a german infrared camera, and carries field glasses where ever he goes. He meets all ships. He also has a friend (a refugee) in Butte Montana who goes by the name of [redacted] a visit to the Du Pont b7
plant in Pennsylvania was denied him as he was a refugee also. The reason I am giving you this information. is I would suffer a monetary loss to give it out publicly. In speaking to a newspaper man he said the place to put it was in the hand of F. B. I. If this seem important to you it might clarify us some things that are unpetical. I would like to have an acknowledgment on receipt of this letter.

Very Truly Yours

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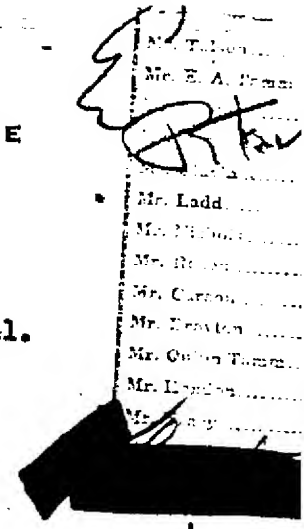
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P. S. Would have had this typed but feared it might be talked about.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1941.



Respectfully referred to the b7C

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director,

the Federal Bureau of Investigation,

for attention.

EDWIN M. WATSON
Secretary to the President

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Valhalla, New York

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Dear [redacted]

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Your letter dated July 14, 1941, addressed to Mr. Stephen Early has been referred to the FBI by the White House.

Please be advised that the content of your letter has been carefully noted and has been made a matter of permanent record in the files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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August 4, 1941

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to report the following:

[redacted] b7C

he talks thusly:

1. Give Germany a chance - England has ruled badly long enough.
2. When you agree with him he says - Europe would be a better nation under Hitler.
3. The British should be licked
4. The President of the United States and three others in our Government should not only be impeached but liquidated.
5. He would like to do the job himself.

Ack 8-21
Let to Connelley
cc of ltr to ONI

he is:

1. Says he is English but definitely looks German
2. Not working but says he hopes to make a connection with a Detroit ammunition firm - but I do think he is headed for Germany VERY VERY SOON.
3. Connected at night with the QUEENS CHAPTER OF AMERICA FIRST and goes out street speaking.

he has:

1. A short wave xx radio set for sending and receiving also head phones.

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I would like to give you my name and address but how do I know that J.EDGAR HOOVER will receive this letter - I understand the spy system of the Germany Govt. is so good in this country that a letter like this might get you a bullet in your xxx back.

[redacted] b7C

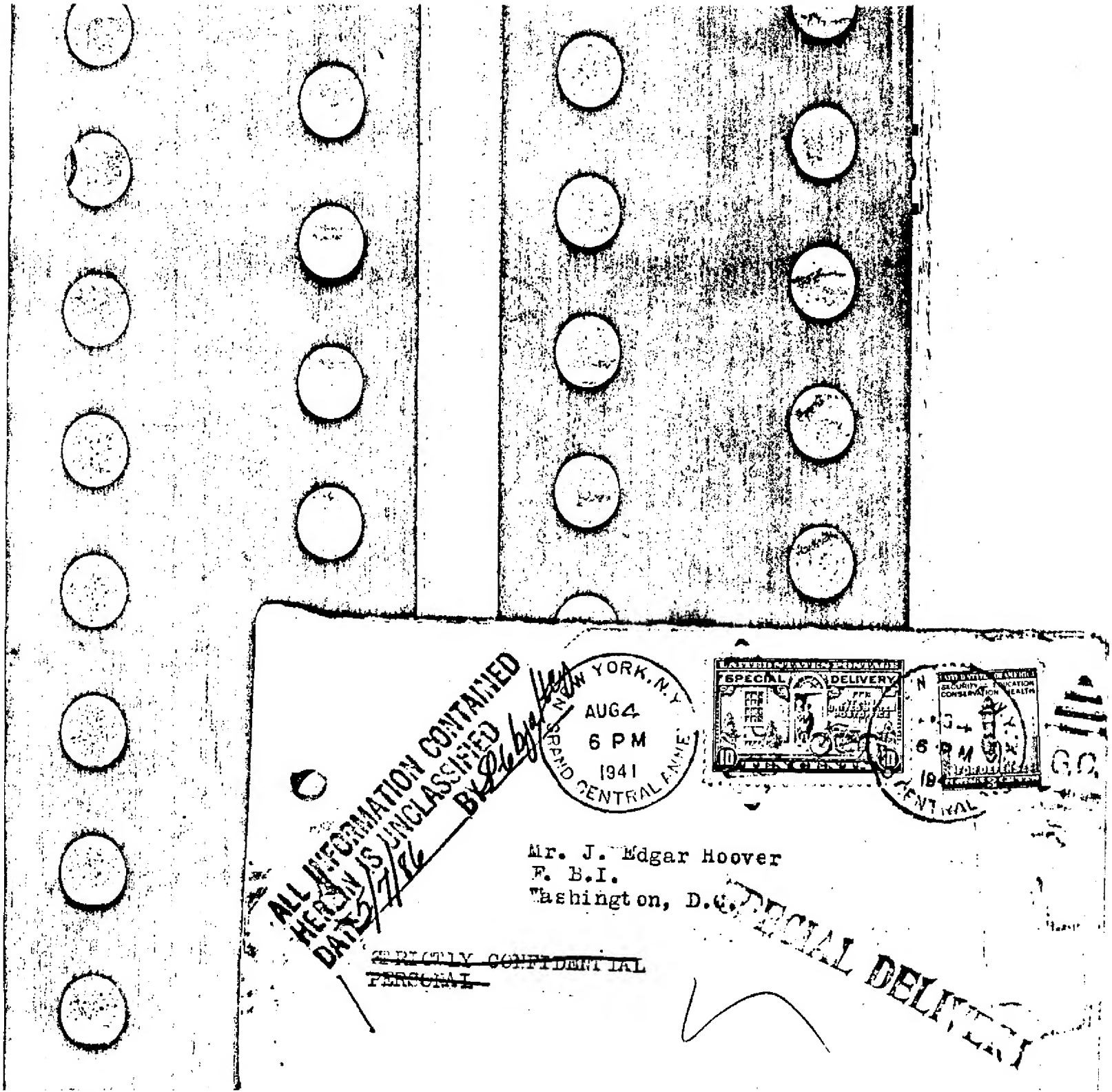
I will keep in touch with you and give you any subversive information I xx might pick up from time to time.

From a friend and defender
of the U.S. Constitution

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Un-American Activities Committee

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Assistant Director E. J. Connelley
New York, New York

Re: [redacted] b7c
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith for your information only copies of an anonymous communication received at the Bureau in an envelope postmarked Grand Central Annex, New York, New York, August 4, 1941.

You are advised that copies of the letter have been furnished to the Secret Service at Washington, D. C., and to the Office of Naval Intelligence, and the Military Intelligence Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - Detroit

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Mr. Frank J. Wilson
Chief
Secret Service Division
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am transmitting herewith, for whatever consideration deemed appropriate, copies of an anonymous communication received at this Bureau in an envelope postmarked Grand Central Annex, New York, New York, August 4, 1941. It is noted that the anonymous writer alleges that one [redacted] has stated that the President should be "liquidated" and that he would "like to do the job himself." b7c

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Minot, North Dakota
July 20, 1941

To The Editor:

WHY LINDBERGH ACTS THAT WAY

I have read with increasing interest the articles in Liberty, titled, "Why Lindbergh Acts That Way." The last of these articles ended with, "You are the jury, you bring in the verdict."

I was one of, perhaps, thousands who volunteered to pawn our lives, as hostages to the kidnapers, thus hoping to save the life of Mr. Lindbergh's sweet and wonderful child. Hence, as a self-appointed "foreman" of your jury, I submit this opinion as a "verdict."

Whereas Mr. Lindbergh is a skilled mechanic and airpilot, yet no evidence is found that he is even a mediocre in military strategy, nor in statesmanship.

There is evidence that he used to be of a gentle and friendly disposition towards all. Evidence, also, that he has reached the pinnacle's top of national and international fame. There's nothing more left for him to do to gain a greater fame than he has already attained. Evidence, also, that he need not seek further for wealth. There is, however, one other channel along which Mr. Lindbergh, yet, can navigate and explore for great popularity - politics.

Therefore, with all the evidence in, it seems that Mr. Lindbergh "acts that way" hoping thus to establish himself and to gain popularity in a newly chosen field of politics. He has chosen to oppose the President and his administration. But it appears that he chose a wrong course for the purpose of gaining further national fame, as has also his cohorts from the United States Senate, that is, if Public Opinion counts for much.

Recalling that a former President, when visiting Germany, (it is said,) "Slapped the Kaiser on the back and remarked, 'With your army I could lick the world'" (The Kaiser then tried that - to his sorrow); it is our opinion that a very much similar circumstance quite likely occurred when Hitler paraded his ultra-modern armies before Mr. Lindbergh during his recent visit to the same country. Such an occurrence to have happened, even an American's (Lindbergh's) friendly praise of such armies, in time of peace, would be only quite natural. If this did happen, and I have not the slightest doubt but that it did, then, at this time, Mr. Lindbergh, having already thus committed himself by expression of a favorable opinion of Hitler's militaristic strength, he has no other choice, (though a poor and unfortunate choice) than to continue to extol the strength of Hitler's armed forces. And to do this, also gives Mr. Lindbergh a subject of national interest for his desired effort at platform oratory (though not a nationally popular subject, as is well seen) hence that is the reason he "acts that way" now.

Hence, according to all the evidence, it is the "verdict" that "Why Lindbergh Acts That Way," is, first, because to oppose the President appeals to him as the best excuse for his "taking to the platform"; and second, now that Mr. Lindbergh had already "committed himself" to praises of the German army, he cannot now consistently "change face about" and do otherwise than to carry on with his extolling Hitler's military power, by following his present line of "chatter," which the public in general very much disagrees with, dislikes and resents.

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WHAT IS THIS "AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE?"

The American First Committee is the Lindbergh-Wheeler-Nye committee. It is a "tripartite" committee. It is the Lindbergh-Wheeler-Nye vest pocket committee. They carry it with them, in a vest pocket or a watch pocket. No danger of breaking it because it is completely "isolated" from all kinds of danger, even upon World War 2nd's widening and raging battle front. With this "committee" in a pocket, they roll into any hamlet, village, town, or city, hold a "tripartite" committee meeting, then sally forth to some hall and speak "Under the auspices of the Great Inner-America First Committee."

Ha, Ha, BIG STUFF, THIS!

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Minot, North Dakota

President Rests In Hyde Park



President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt rested at their Hyde Park, N. Y., home. Mrs. Roosevelt is knitting as the president gives his attention to his dog, Falla. His holiday was ended by far east developments.

Warns Farmers Against Seeking More Than Parity

Florence, Ala., July 29—(AP)—Edward O. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, warned today that he knew "of no more certain method of bringing about wild inflation than for farmers to drive prices now as high as the traffic will bear."

"I counsel farmers to stick to the reasonable demands we have made for 20 years," the federation head asserted. "We have won parity, therefore let us be thankful."

In an address prepared for delivery at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Lauderdale county Farm Bureau, O'Neal declared:

"Let us not make the mistake of getting greedy and insisting on getting more than parity just because we could possibly get higher prices during the emergency period."

Expressing confidence that "American farmers will acquit themselves gloriously in the dark days ahead," he said "our own agricultural issues are overshadowed by the issues that face us as a nation, and to meet those issues we must pledge 'our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor'."

O'Neal said "stabilization of the farm economy will do more to bring security to all southern business than anything else that could happen."

roads Not Restricting Grain ement; No Cars For Storage

statement to clarify the rail- position regarding the partial o on shipments of grain for in the Twin Cities and at the of the Lakes, announced last F. Mills, general agent of the Northern railroad in Minot, ay:

"Railroads have no desire or disposition to restrict in any way the free flow of grain to any market, and have and will continue to have a full supply of cars to move every bushel of grain to any destination where the cars can be unloaded promptly."

The statement continued:

"The volume of general traffic on the railroads incident to the national defense program and other demands is so great that no cars can be used for the storage of any commodity anywhere.

"(The) notice is not in a true sense an embargo at all, since it does not in any way limit the flow of free grain to markets and it permits the unlimited loading of all storage grain for which space can be provided at the terminals.

"This restriction was not initiated by the railroads, but was issued at the recommendation of the committee created May 27, 1941, at the request of the department of agricul-

SUSPEND W. P. A. PROJECT

Towner, N. D., July 29—Owing to the demand for farm labor, the W. P. A. project here has been suspended until after the harvest and threshing season.

CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful to our neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement. Especially we wish to thank the choir of St. Leo's church and Arturo Petrucci for their music.

Mrs. Jerry Zlevor and daughter, Rosamund, Mrs. Joe Sy, er., Frank Zlevor.

VERYBODY'S COLUMN

ed communications, limited out 200 words each will be med in this column. Propa- a and personalities must be d. The News reserves the to reject any communications d improper.—Ed.)

Minot, N. Dak., July 28, 1941.

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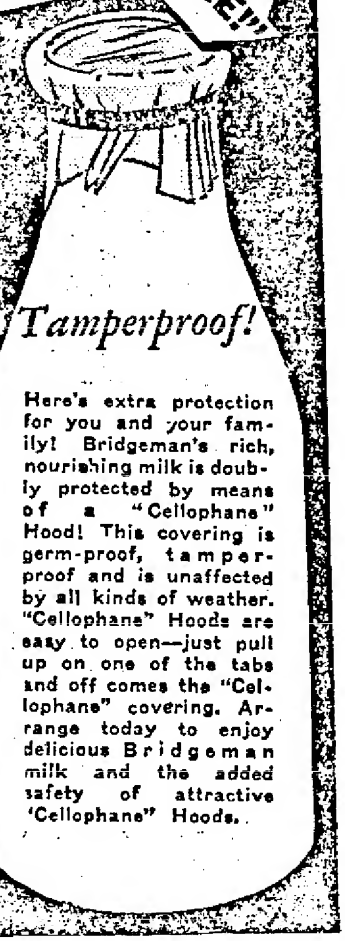
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Refreshments were served, a bouquet marked the place of Assisting the hostess were Haukom, Esther Huss and

ERSONALS

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ore and children, Mard Joe, plan to leave a month in Michigan, t Sept. 1. The family 5th av se.

rs. Paul Bowles of Portisited in Minot over the h friends. Mr. Bowles is not resident.



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Miss Hammer Plans Wedding In August

The engagement of Miss Norma Hammer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Hammer, to William A. O'Hearn, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. O'Hearn of Minot, was announced at a tea Sunday afternoon.

Fifty persons were guests at the tea, given from 3 to 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hammer. Gladioli and other summer flowers were used in the rooms and a centerpiece of sweet peas with yellow tapers at either side was on the table.

Miss Betty McGee poured during the first hour and Miss Laura Hammer presided for the second hour.

Names of the couple and the wedding date, Aug. 25, were found on the tea napkins which the guests received. Each also received a miniature colonial corsage bouquet as a favor. Mrs. Hammer received with her daughter.

Milk, Spuds And Meat Run Short In Norway

London, July 29—(AP)—In a review of economic conditions in German-occupied Norway, the Norwegian government-in-exile intimated today that many persons in the kingdom would "feel the pangs of hunger" in the winter.

The review said milk and potatoes are running short because of German "borrowings," that meat, bacon and eggs virtually are unobtainable.

Bread has been rationed to a half-pound daily, butter to one and a third ounces daily, sugar to seven ounces weekly and coffee to two cups weekly, it was said.

INSPECT PORT LIGHTS

Grand Forks, July 29—(AP)—Field lights at the Grand Forks municipal airport were inspected by officials of the city and the civil aeronautics authority Monday and found in good order. Tested were the 62 lights outlining the airport boundaries, the wind gauge lights and the beacon light.

LIGHTNING KILLS FOUR

Franklin, N. J., July 29—(AP)—Four persons burned to death last night when lightning fired a two-story general store at Beaver lake, a summer resort near here.

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Fast Italian Boats Blown Out Of Sea By Malta Defenders

London, July 29—(AP)—An audacious attack by Italian speed and torpedo boats against the harbor of Valletta, Malta, ended in disaster, the British reported, when shore batteries and aircraft blew 17 of them out of the water.

Announcement of the Fascist attempt to score a blow Sunday against British shipping in the Mediterranean was made almost simultaneously with an admiralty report that the 7,101-ton German ship Erlangen was intercepted in the south Atlantic.

Menu *Of The Day*

By Mrs. Alexander George

Informal Supper Party For Six

Frozen Fruit Cocktail
Sliced Cold Baked (or Boiled) Ham
Mustard Pickles
Vegetable Salad
Hot Biscuits Grape Butter
Vanilla Ice Cream
Chocolate Chip Cake
Peppermint Frosting
Coffee

Frozen Fruit Cocktail (Delicious Appetizer)

1 cup berries	3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 cup cubed pineapple	½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup cubed oranges	½ cup whipped cream
½ cup cubed grapefruit	

Mix cream and mayonnaise. Add ingredients and freeze until firm. Place in cocktail glasses, garnish with cherries and mint.

Chocolate Chip Cake

½ cup fat	½ cup milk
1 cup sugar	2¼ cups pastry flour
2 eggs, beaten	2¼ teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla	
¼ teaspoon salt	
½ cup chocolate chips (semi-sweet)	

Cream fat and sugar. Add ingredients and beat 2 minutes. Bake in 2 layer cake pans, lined with waxed paper, in moderate oven (350) for 25 minutes.

Peppermint Frosting

¼ cup white peppermint candies (mints)	2 tablespoons butter
	Speck salt
	¼ teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons cream	2 cups confectioner's sugar

Mix candies, cream and butter. Heat until blended and add ingredients. Beat well, let stand 5 minutes, then beat until creamy.



Leah Ann Grady of Grand has joined the state laboratories in Bismarck as junior chemist food laboratories.

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Dr. F. W. Fergusson of K elected president of the h delegates of the North Dako cal association.

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...nd Girl Gets Him

...stitute for ... organizations, which opened at the University of Montana in Missoula Monday. The institute continued thru Aug 1.

Other North Dakotans attending are A. M. Paulson, Valley City; Wayne L. Twito, Wahpeton; J. A. Schoonover, Jamestown; and John Rovig, Mandan.

Boyd is instructor in the course on "agricultural committee organization and service."

Tacoma, Wash., July 29—(AP)—Miss Bonnie Scott and two friends walking along a Puget sound beach saw a king salmon chasing a herring toward the shore.

Going full tilt, the salmon snared his prey at the water's edge—but was going too fast to turn around. He landed high and dry on the sand.

...work. Patterns: 3 contains charts and directions for making set; illustrations of set and of stitches; material needed. To obtain this pattern send 15 cents in coin to The Minot Daily News, Household Arts Dept., 259 W. 14th Street, New York, N. Y. Be sure to write plainly your NAME, ADDRESS and PATTERN NUMBER.

...Dick is ... James ... Johnny, Jr., ...

...nor; Shirley Anne Ennis, a minor; Catherine Enget; and all persons unknown, claiming any estate, or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon the real estate described in the Complaint, whether as the heirs, devisees, legatees or creditors of Albert Ennis, deceased, or otherwise,

Defendants.

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, which is on file in the office of the Clerk of the

...of Mrs. ... will join the ... and sister, and other relatives ... be present for a family ... ...

BRIDE HONORED—

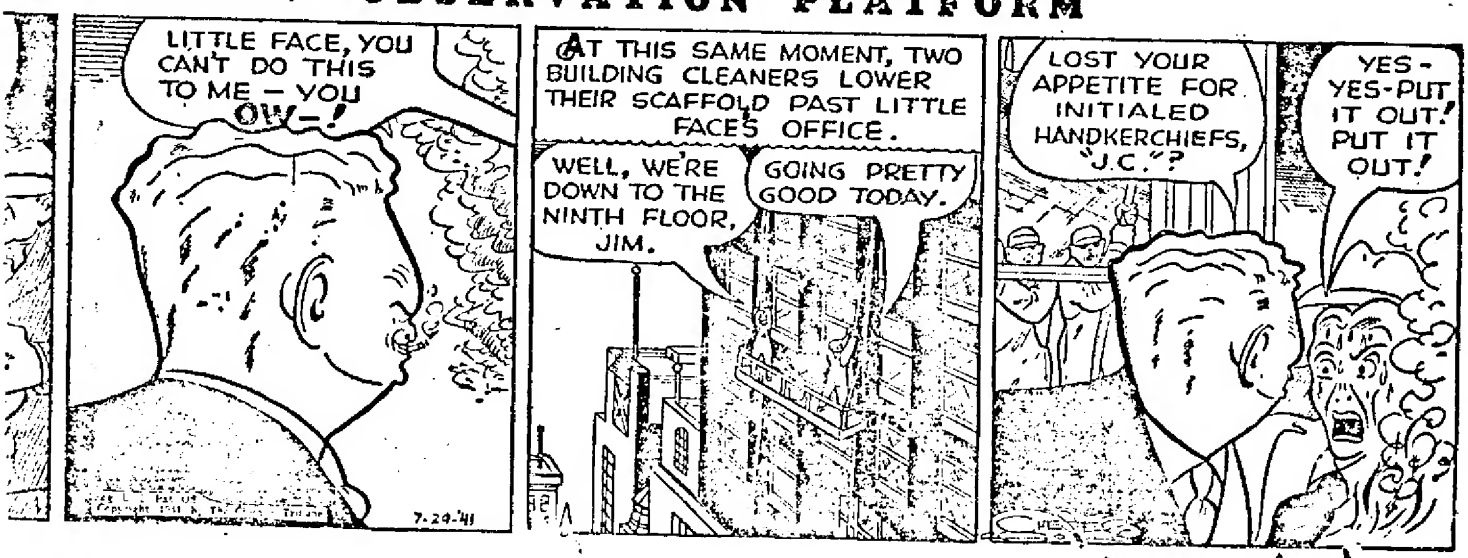
A shower for Mrs. Gerald R. Price (Marjorie Gowin), whose marriage took place recently at Cheyenne, Wyo., ... Minot the Widens will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon White and other friends. ...

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Miss Piper Bride At New Rockford; Live At Maxbass

Miss Gwendolyn Stenehjem of Minot was maid of honor at the wedding of Miss Ruth Piper, daughter of Mrs. Edythe M. Piper, New Rockford, and Gordon Allan Brandes of LaMoure, which took place Sunday afternoon at New Rockford.

The service was at 4:30 o'clock in the First Congregational church, with the Rev. George Caley officiating.

Baskets of gladioli, a trellis, banked with pine and ferns and candles in branched candelabra formed the background for the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Rollo Piper of Bismarck, wore a floor length gown of white organdy fashioned with a fitted bodice of embroidered organdy and a bouffant skirt with insets of the embroidered material. A small bonnet of white violets and a feather dove with tulle ribbons extending to the waist and a bouquet of asters, daisies and delphinium completed her costume.

Miss Stenehjem wore white and blue dotted swiss and a white eyelet hat. The bridesmaids, Miss Carol Buhrmann of Harvey and Miss Catherine Brandes of LaMoure, wore gowns of French blue with accents of pink and their hats were of ruffled pink eyelet embroidery. All had shower bouquets of snapdragons, delphinium and feverfew.

Clark Jenkins of Forman was best man for Mr. Brandes and the ushers were Lee Griner and Bernard Toman of Bismarck.

Mrs. Lloyd Beardsley played the wedding marches and Mrs. Trevor Reese of Harvey was soloist.

Seventy-five persons attended a reception in the church parlors following the service. Mrs. Piper, mother of the bride, wore blue lace over rose taffeta and Mrs. Carl F. Brandes, mother of the bridegroom, wore a rose print. Their bouquets were of Johanna Hill roses and baby's breath.

Among out-of-twon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Brandes, the bridegroom's parents, and Warren and Beatrice Brandes of LaMoure; Miss Claire de Rochford, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson, Mrs. Bernard Toman, Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Piper and son, Jerry, all of Bismarck; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Reese, Mr. and Mrs. August Peterson and daughter, Helen, and Dr. William Hensel of Harvey; Mr. and Mrs. Rees Price, Fessenden.

The couple left for a trip to Clear lake in Riding Mountain national park and after Aug. 15 will live at Maxbass.

Widens To Visit Here Wednesday

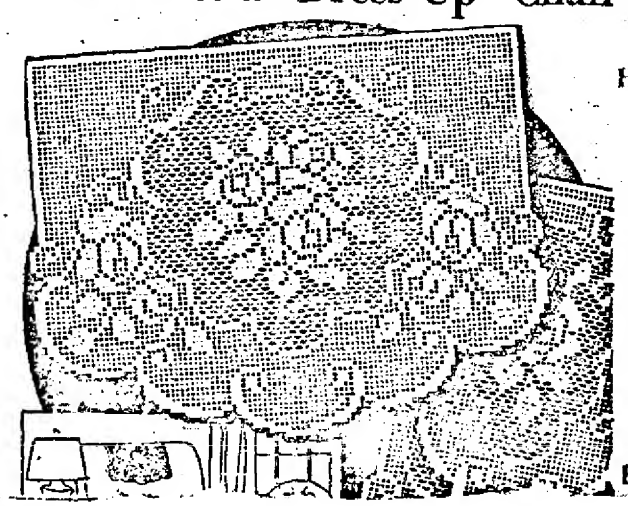
The Rev. Henry F. Widen, Mrs. [illegible] and their daughter, Dorothy

Coque Feathers Are New



Coque feathers, shiny green and black, such as grandmother used to wear back of her pompadour make something different and dashing out of a snug black felt. There'll be clouds of feathers on fall millinery, now that the Audubon society and the feather manufacturers have reached a compromise, releasing certain wild bird plumage which has been taboo for years.

Crochet a "Dress Up" Chair Set



Household Arts by Alice Brooks

Exquisite

W.P.A. Engin Two Others I Near Bowbel

Bowbells, N. D., July Shupe, Bowbells, Burke P. A. engineer; his son, D Tom Jacobson, Bowbell farmer, were injured in bile collision at an inters county road halfway bet bells and Coteau Monday.

Shupe, made unconsci accident, sustained three L cuts about the face and eye. His son suffered a che bruised and cut leg and was badly shaken.

Patients At Kenm

Both are patients in hospital, Kenmare. Their today was reported satis

Jacobson, treated for bruises, returned to his ho

Dr. D. J. Halliday, Ken summoned to give first three injured persons.

The cars, driven by S Jacobson, collided with landed in a wheat field road, Shupe being partly der his machine. The Ja landed on its wheels.

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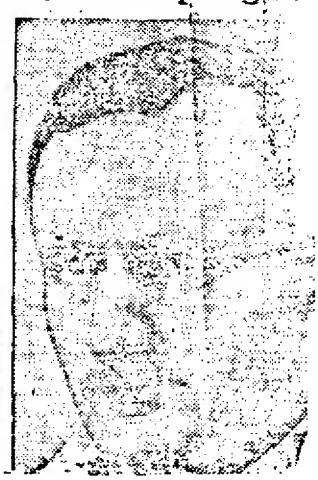
Charles Homiston, who w grain nearby and witnesse lision, used his tractor to f and then drove three mile bells to notify Sheriff H. son.

The sheriff and Deputy S O. Olson went to the scene charge.

The accident occurred a and two miles south of Bo three miles east of Cote

Shupe was formerly a M dent, having been connected state highway department time, and later serving as tendent of the W. P. A. ject in Minot, before be P. A. engineer for Burke 1940.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACOB ANDERSON, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the Estate of Jacob Anderson, late of the P. O. of Coulee, in the County of Ward, and State of North Dakota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said decedent, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at his home near Coulee, Ward County, North Dakota, or to the County Judge of said County in his office in said County and State.

Notice is hereby further given that the time and place fixed by the Court for hearing and adjusting such claims are the 6th day of February, 1942, at ten o'clock A. M. in the Court Rooms of the County Court in the Court House in the City of Minot, in the County of Ward and State of North Dakota.

Dated this 21st day of July, 1941.

ANDREW O. ANDERSON,
Administrator of the Estate of Jacob Anderson, Deceased.

HENRY E. JOHNSON,
Attorney for Administrator,
Minot, North Dakota.

First publication on the 22nd day of July, 1941.

(July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 1941)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Following is the report of the treasurer of Hilton School District No. 149 for the year ending June 30, 1941:

RECEIPTS IN GENERAL FUND

A. Cash in General Fund (in hands of District Treasurer and excluding Sinking Fund) July 1, 1940	$ 44.45
1. Total amount received during year from apportionment of State Tuition Fund	204.70
2. Total amount received during year from apportionment of County Tuition Fund	115.92
3. Amount received during year from State Equalization Fund (Total of a, b, c and d)	789.68
b. Teacher Unit $319.68	
c. Basis of Need 470.00	
5. Amount received during year from Taxes Levied by District School Board	1,470.51
B. Total amount received by School Treasurer during the year (Total of items 1 to 9 inclusive)	$2,580.81
C. Grand Total amount received by School District Treasurer including cash on hand (Item A and Item B)	$2,625.26

EXPENDITURES OF GENERAL FUND

Amounts Paid During Year for the Following Purposes:

1. General Control. (School Officers' Salaries $117.83. Expenses $14.50. Miscellaneous $150.00)	$ 282.33
2. Instructional Service. (Teachers' Salaries $1,096.52. Text Books $129.46. Teachers' Retirement Fund $34.30. Miscellaneous $3.90)	1,264.18
3. Auxiliary Agencies. (Transportation $421.37)	421.37
4. Operation of Plant. (Fuel $167.33. Janitor's wages $11.50. Supplies $8.93)	187.76
5. Maintenance of Plant. (Repairs to Equipment $15.14)	15.14
6. Fixed Charges. (Insurance $18.97)	18.97
8. Debt Service. (Interest on Warrants $186.57)	186.57
D. Total Amount Paid During School Year by District Treasurer	$2,376.32

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN

District Court in and for the County of Ward and State of North Dakota, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the subscriber within thirty days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This action relates to the foreclosure of a Mortgage upon the following described real estate in the County of Ward and State of North Dakota, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter (SW¼); also the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Seventeen (17); also the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S½SE¼) of Section Eight (8); also the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼SW¼) of Section Nine (9), all in Township One Hundred Fifty-eight (158), Range Eighty-seven (87) West.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1941 at Minot, North Dakota.

THOMAS B. MURPHY,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Residence and Post Office Address:
Minot, North Dakota.

Notice Of No Personal Claim

To the above named Defendants:

You and each of you will please take notice; That the above entitled action is brought for the purpose of foreclosing a real estate mortgage covering the property described in the Summons above, and that no personal claim is made against any of the above named defendants in this action.

THOMAS B. MURPHY,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Minot, North Dakota.

(July 8, 15, 22, 29, 1941)

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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AUG 1 1941

Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

Sherman Miles

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Headquarters Second Corps Area
Governors Island, New York

July 23, 1941
(Date)

Subject: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
Propaganda Among Soldiers

Summary of Information:

1. The following extract from a report made by an enlisted man stationed at a command near the metropolitan area is forwarded for information:

"Speaking of a visit to the headquarters recently opened by the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE in New Rochelle, operative writes: 'I stepped inside and asked her (the young lady at the headquarters) for a copy of one of Lindbergh's speeches. She was glad I had the nerve to come in, she said, because they have been accused of subversive activities which, she added, was of course ridiculous. I asked if most soldiers were afraid to come in. She said they were, but there had been two in one Saturday night, a Sergeant and a casual, both a bit drunk. I said I was in accord with the principles offered by the COMMITTEE, and what could I do to help. She said that she did not think it would be out of place for a soldier to write to Washington. A son of a friend of hers who was a National Guardsman at a Southern Camp was aiding the cause by having petitions signed by the enlisted men. Continuing her discussion, she said that many men had told her that in the event of war they would go AWOL. She signified that she wouldn't blame them. She said that she would find out more about what activities the National Guardsman was carrying on,' and where I could be reached if anything important came up. I appeared hesitant about giving my name, but she assured me that it would not be put in the general file."

2. Investigation as to other activities by the same agency among soldiers is continuing.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

E. V. CONSTANT
Lt.Col.,G.S.C.
Executive Officer, G-2

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director F. B. I.
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover :

A very large number of the business men of our town have been desireous of obtaining definite information of when and by whom this so-called "AMERICAN FIRST" committee was organized, and how it being supported. We would also like to know if Senators Nye and Wheeler, also Senator Clark of Idaho, all of whom advertise that they are speaking "under the auspices" of this said committee, are being paid for making these speeches, and if so then, how much they are paid, etc. The reason we ~~our~~ here desire this information is that we are - a very, very great many us - are bitterly opposed to the stand these men have taken towards the war situation.

I have, just yesterday, and by accident, learned this much about this "AMERICA FIRST" Comittee; A certain German lanquage newspaper, Der Staats Anzeiger, Bismarck, N. D. has been soliciting memberships for that committee. This information I received from an old simple minded German here by the name of Rev. Willis A. Seeman, 25 4th. Ave. Nw. this town, who told me has was a member of that committee and that he became a member throught that paper, to which he had paid a dollar.

Perhapse you have received by now printed copy of my article which appeared in July 29th. issue of our local paper here, the Minot Daily News. I hope so. And if you have received the copy I would greatly appreciate for you give me your opinion of the line of thought it con - tains.

Sincerely Yours,

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Minot, North Dakota

Dear [redacted]

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I have for acknowledgment your letter of August 3, 1941, with enclosures. I want to thank you for your courtesy in communicating with me.

Please be advised that I am precluded by virtue of a well established policy of the Department of Justice from commenting as you have requested. I regret that I am, therefore, unable to be of assistance to you in this matter.

With respect to your request for information, I must inform you that all data contained in our files is strictly confidential and can be released only on the express authority of the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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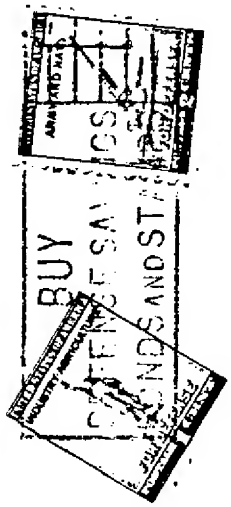
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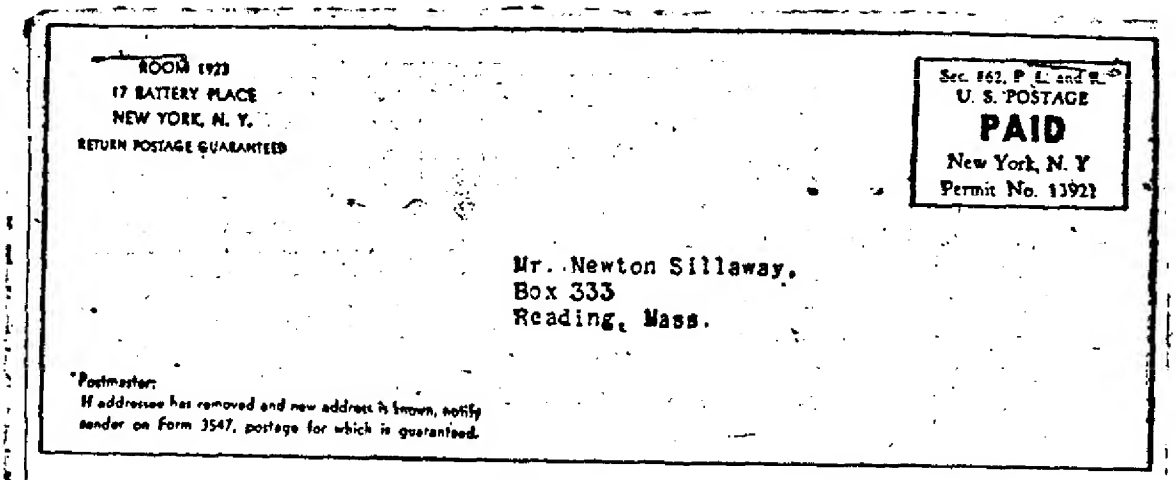
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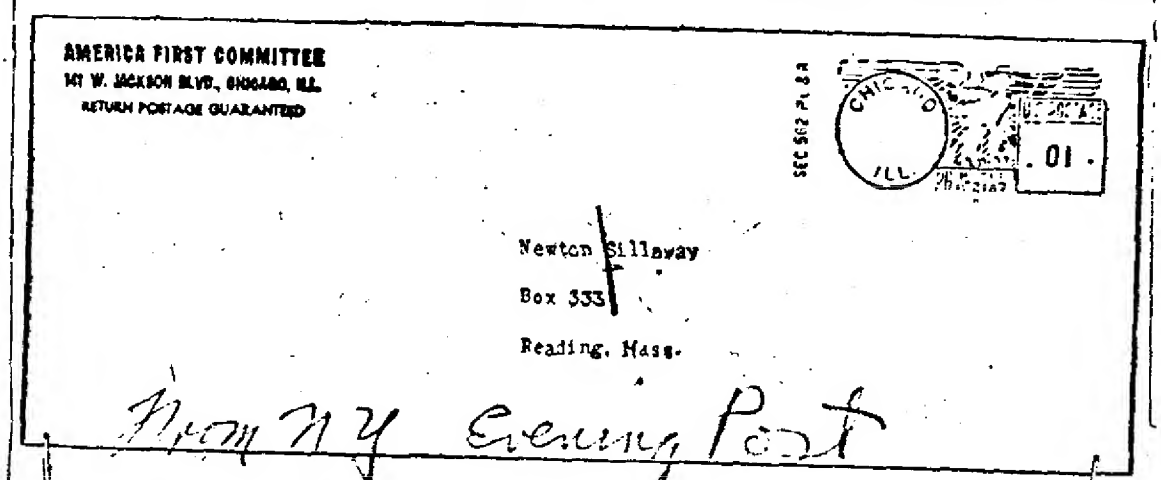
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From N Y Evening Post

UNTIL UNCLE SAM closed it, the German Library of Information, 17 Battery Pl., had been flooding Newton Dillaway, Reading, Mass., writer, with propaganda, although he didn't ask for it. The envelopes always had been addressed Sillaway. Mr. Dillaway thought it a coincidence, at least, when the America First Committee recently began sending him unsolicited propaganda and also addressed him as Sillaway. Here are the Sillaway envelopes.

Nazis Go, Mail List Stays

For months, Newton Dillaway, a Reading, Mass., writer, has been getting German propaganda handouts through the mails in envelopes with the return address of the German Library of Information, 17 Battery Place, New York. On each envelope his name was misspelled "Sillaway."

When the German Consulate and information bureau were closed, recently, Dillaway thought that would be the end of the letters. He found out he was wrong. Now he's getting handouts from the America First Committee, 141 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. They come addressed to Newton "Sillaway."

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DIRECTOR

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July 22, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. R. P. KRAMER

RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
JOSEPH MCWILLIAMS

Information has been received at the Bureau from an unknown outside source which quotes from the publication known as "The Hour" as follows:

"Street corner meetings sponsored by the various appeasement, pro-fascist groups have already begun to make their appearance in New York City. To date the most active sponsor of such meetings is the America First Committee. Since Lindbergh's April 30 speech at Manhattan Center, approximately thirty such meetings have been held, usually in the better residential districts of the city. A number of these gatherings have taken place on Fifth Avenue. Forty-second Street and Fifth is the favorit spot for these "peace" rallies.

The technique of the meetings varies scarcely at all. The speaker mounts his portable platform. He stands under an American flag. He tells the crowd that a "small minority of financiers" is trying to get us into this war. He avoids openly anti-Semitic remarks; he merely indulges in innuendoes. All mention of the progressive forces in this country is markedly absent from his speech. He never speaks about a fight for democratic rights; in fact, he rarely utters the word "democracy". His hero is Charles A. Lindbergh and his concept of a wise man is Father Coughlin.

The speaker is usually heard by an audience of some two hundred persons, most of them passers-by who stop to listen out of curiosity. Heckling is frequent. To date, as far as The Hour can learn, there have been no incidents of violence. But all reports describe a tense atmosphere at these street corner meetings. It is to be expected that the Christian Fronters, who play an important part at these meetings, will not hesitate much longer to use force against hecklers in the crowds.

A Reverend Charles A. White, allegedly an Episcopalian minister, is in charge of the extensive speakers' bureau maintained by the America First Committee at their offices at 515 Madison Avenue. He does not have a church and his name is not listed in the directory of

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the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. He himself is a frequent speaker for the Committee. Wearing his clerical collar, he opens the meetings at which he talks. He is usually followed by three to five speakers, whose addresses last for about fifteen minutes each.

No questions are permitted at these meetings.

Joseph McWilliams, who has been following with admiration the "success" of the America First street corner meetings, is soon to launch his own campaign along similar lines. He plans to abandon his covered wagon of last year. "A huge American flag will be enough," he says. The territory he will concentrate on includes Yorkville, the Bronx and Astoria, Long Island.

Four veteran Coughlinite orators, James Stewart, James Downey, Henry Curtiss and Frank Woodruff, are already picked to work with McWilliams; and he expects to increase this crew of rabble-rousers in the near future.

The content of his speeches and those of his henchmen is to be modeled on that of the America First speakers, although the McWilliams' gang intends to make much more vigorous use of the tactic of Jew-baiting."

Respectfully submitted,

Owen D. Anderson

Owen D. Anderson

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Aug.6th 41

Hon.John Edgar Hoover
Director.Federal B.of Investigation
U.S.Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Hon.& Dear Sir:

Yours of the 28 July 41 to hand which gave me much pleasure to read as I have been confined to my room for two years having had a terrible accident tomy spine.,but I hope to get out in a few weeks time.

I had a nice letter from Prime Minister Churchill,and one from Hon.Wendell Willkie,the following

My dear [redacted] b7C Thank you very much foryour gracious letter of July 5th I appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,
Wendell L.Willkie

I hear from the leading men over the world. I wrote Chirchill that if Hitler was in this country he would have been hung long ago If he were here I know YOU would have got him sure.

I consider that you have power next to President ERoosevelt,

Do you ever want good men to work out here,? I know of a fine honorable man that would suit you.

Sincerely Yours,

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Mr. Tolson letter dated July 31, 1941, relative to [redacted]

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Hon.John Edgar Hoover,
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Dear [redacted]

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I received your letter dated August 6, 1941, and I was pleased to hear from you again. It is interesting to know that during your illness you have received so many letters from famous persons.

With regard to the young man mentioned in your letter it is suggested that he communicate directly with this Bureau and if he possesses the qualifications necessary for appointment to any of the positions available I will be pleased to forward an application blank to him.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER

The following information was obtained from an outside unknown source dated at Washington, D. C. It is being made a part of the Bureau's files for any attention that might be deemed appropriate in the future.

"AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

Colored Section

J. Finley Wilson, Chairman Perry W. Howard, Secretary

National Office 613 F Street, Northwest Washington, D. C.

Telephone National 2702

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"FELLOW COLORED AMERICANS;-

Our Common country has never been faced with a crisis that approaches the present one.

We are on the very edge of the vortex of a World War.

Our country should be concerned about this war, but there is no reason why we should get into it. But, if we should unfortunately enter this war, it will not only set our country back fifty years but it will particularly be disastrous to the minority groups.

We sympathize with England, but there is no justification for having hundreds of thousands of our sons and brothers slaughtered in the interest of another country.

We favor aid to England, but we earnestly insist that nothing should be done that will take us into this war or send our boys abroad.

We are patriots, and none love their country more than we and no group has shown greater patriotism and self-denial or self-abnegation than our group. And, if our country unfortunately should get into this war, we shall rally as we have always rallied around 'Old Glory'

"and do our bit to the last man. But, why should we be called upon to do this when we can avoid it?

The President has promised that he will not send our boys abroad and we urge you to act at once in giving the President such support, based upon his promises to keep us out of war, that he will not be influenced by some of the war-mongers that constantly din into his ears.

We urge you to organize a Chapter of the America First Committee in your community. There is nothing more vital at this time than this matter, and there is no greater service you can render your country. If you will undertake this organization work, write us for our Chapter manuel which will assist you in doing so.

In any case, let us urge you and your family write the President, your Representative and Senator in Congress urging that our country shall stay out of this conflagration. For, otherwise, with a war declared, we are faced again with the maimed and wounded, broken homes, destruction and death, the shell-shocked, the halt and blind, and sorrow and heartaches will know no bounds.

This general movement is directed by some of America's greatest statesmen and most unselfish leaders, as you will see from the enclosed copy of 'Aims and Activities of the America First Committee.'

We also enclose a membership card which you will please sign and return, but sign and send the card even if you are not able to make any financial contribution.

Yours for America First,

By the Committee,
J. Finley Wilson, Chairman

(Signed)
Perry W. Howard, Secretary"

Very truly yours,

K. R. McIntire

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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August 5, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. R. P. KRAMER

Re: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE;
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

The following information has been received at the Bureau from an unknown outside source through a communication dated July 27, 1941, at Youngstown, Ohio.

It is reported that pro-Nazi circles have been concentrating their agitation in an effort to oppose any extension of the one-year service for selectees and national guardsmen. However, it is felt that as a whole the general public favors keeping them in service as long as the present emergency exists.

This source states that fathers who have sons in service at Camp Shelby have said that much of the agitation against the extension of the one-year service is coming from national guardsmen and conscripts who have been used to fill up the quota. It is further said that an official of a local insurance agency has stated that he has received word from his son at Camp Shelby that the actions of the soldiers there are disgraceful and that on several occasions the President has been derided.

It is alleged that most of this agitation comes from the America First movement and from the resulting publicity given to Senator Wheeler and others. It has been reported that many citizens have expressed the opinion that the proper way to handle Mr. Wheeler and his associates is to give them no publicity whatsoever.

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Respectfully,
O. D. Anderson

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Hon. Bartel J. Jonkman,
of Michigan.

Meridian, Mi.

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the card you mail
me at the expense of our Government,
I wish to state the following:

1st. I have not lost faith in
our President, regardless of what condition
may occur that would force our
country into War!!!

2nd. Is people like you, who
very name sounds foreign to me, wh
are taking advantage of our free
nation and talking too much!!!

3rd. If I had my way, I'd
put you and your
a ship and send you
in Hitler's country — then you

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would not be so free with your kind of activities - You would be put in a concentration Camp or Reshot, over there.

4th: Please remove my name from your files. I'm not the least bit interested in anything you might have to say at any time.

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Meridian, Mississippi.

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Mrs. Roosevelt Mistaken

Remarks of

HON. BARTEL J. JONKMAN
of Michigan

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 12, 1941

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Bartel J. Jonkman

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Meridian, Mississippi

Dear [redacted] b7C

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated August 11, 1941, and enclosure, which have been included in the official files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE	INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] furnished information regarding the progress of newly formed America First Committee in Springfield, Missouri.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, 6-27-41.

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DETAILS: AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

[redacted] advised as follows:

On Friday night, July 11, 1941, an America First Committee rally was held at Phelps Grove Park, which is a municipal park located in Springfield, Missouri, and Senator BENNETT CLARK was the principal speaker.

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Mr. ORLAND K. ARMSTRONG was the opening speaker and spoke for some length condemning President ROOSEVELT for his actions in the present crisis and the attitude of the British government and Mr. CHURCHILL. Mr. ARMSTRONG then introduced Senator CLARK. The theme of Senator CLARK'S speech was that the present program was leading the United States to war and Senator CLARK suggested

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to the audience that those in accordance with his views write their senators and congressmen. During the course of this remark someone in the audience advised that if they did that the F.B.I. might investigate them, to which Senator CLARK replied that in that case let him know and he would take care of that event.

[redacted] there were approximately 600 people who attended this rally and from all indications it was not too well received in Springfield, Missouri.

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Many of the persons present refused to give their names.

[redacted] Post office employee, was contacted and he advised that he observed no letters which had been recently received from [redacted]

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[redacted] informed the writer that [redacted] who formerly attended America First Committee meetings was identical with [redacted]

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[redacted] will after September 1, 1941, contact [redacted] for subsequent developments in this matter. 57c/b

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July 17, 1941.

Walter Winchell
"Daily Mirror"
New York.

J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr. Winchell:

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The enclosed propaganda [redacted] would indicate finding another candidate for your "scallion" column - I see the F. B. I.

Read it and weep.

Yours truly,

[redacted] b7C

ENCLOSURE

2 - Committee of Trust

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JAY F. TIFFANY
60-35 83rd STREET
ELMHURST, NEW YORK

I M P O R T A N T M E S S A G E

MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:

I earnestly appeal to all of you to become supporters of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE. My reasons for making this appeal are the following:

All of us pay Federal taxes. Whether we pay an income tax or not, we pay hidden Federal taxes every day of our lives. Anyone who smokes a pack of cigarettes every day pays $17.72 in Federal taxes in the course of a year. When you women buy cosmetics, eleven per cent of the price consists of a hidden Federal excise tax. When we buy an automobile, a tire, an inner tube, a radio, a refrigerator, gasoline or lubricating oil, part of the purchase price consists of a Federal excise tax. If we go to the theater or the movies, we pay a Federal tax on the admission charge. We can't even drink a glass of beer without having part of our dime go to the brewer to reimburse him for the tax which he pays to the Federal Government on every gallon of beer which he brews.

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Next year these taxes will all be increased because of the defense program.

Most of us pay a Federal income tax. This year some of you may have paid an income tax for the first time in your lives, because of the lowering of the personal exemptions.

Next year our income taxes will be drastically increased. They will be anywhere from three to six times as large as they were this year. For example, if you paid a tax of $11. this year on an income of $2,500., you will pay between $44. and $72. next year, according to the tax plans now pending in

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Congress; and if you paid a tax of $31. on an income of $3,000., next year you will pay between $97. and $152.

BUT IF AMERICA ENTERS THE WAR, OUR TAXES WILL NOT BE INCREASED THREE, FOUR, FIVE OR SIX TIMES. THEY WILL BE INCREASED TEN, FIFTEEN OR EVEN TWENTY TIMES. THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND ARE PAYING ONE-THIRD OR ONE-HALF OF THEIR INCOMES TO THEIR GOVERNMENT IN TAXES, AND WE WILL BE DOING THE SAME THING IN THIS COUNTRY UNLESS WE KEEP AMERICA OUT OF THE WAR.

When we are threatened with a paving or sewer assessment of $50. or $75. two or three thousand of us go to Lost Battalion Hall and shout down the politicians who are trying to assess us. We should be much more aroused whena very small minority of people in this country, many of whom are not even American citizens, are trying to push us into a war which will cost each one of us not $50. or $75. but hundreds of dollars per year for the rest of our lives.

I have said that a very small minority are trying to push us into war. Even the Gallup poll shows that only 20 per cent of the persons interviewed want war. Probably the actual number of people in this country who want war is as small as 5 or 10 per cent of the adult population. The following letter appeared recently in the New York World-Telegram:

> "I am an insurance man, who in the course of a year comes into personal contact with at least several thousand persons in all walks of life. During the last 12 months I have made it a point to ask all I have come in contact with this question:
>
> 'Do you favor our entry into war, even if Britian is defeated?'
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> Invariably, the answer has been 'No'. Furthermore, and this is interesting, I have yet to meet a person who has been interviewed by the Gallup poll."

Senator Wagner said in a recent press interview that his mail is running 100 to 1 aganist convoys,which would lead usto war.

If so few people want war, then why are we deluged with war propaganda? The answer is that the warmakers are organized, active, influential and well-financed. There are at least five of them in President Roosevelt's Cabinet; they determine the editorial policy of many newspapers and magazines; and they control the production of motion pictures so completely that they have been able to pour down our throats a strong dose of war medicine with their anti-Nazi films (but they never produce an anti-Communist film).

There are two things which the 90 or 95 per cent of us who are opposed to war can do in order to offset the propaganda of the war-makers.

1. We can send a letter or a post-card to each of our Senators and Representatives telling them that we are opposed to American entry into the war, that we are opposed to convoys, that we are opposed to any amendment of the Neutrality Act, and that we favor legislation providing for a national popular referendum before any declaration of war shall be made by Congress. Such letters and post-cards should be sent to the following:

Hon. Robert F. Wagner,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Hon. James M. Mead,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Hon. Caroline O'Day,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Hon. Matthew J. Merritt,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Hon. William B. Barry,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

When you write take care to sign your name clearly and to put your address on your letter or post-card, so that the Senators and Representatives will know that you are among their constituents. When you write to Representative Barry, let him know that you appreciate the work which he has been doing to keep America at peace. As you can see from the enclosed copy of a letter which Representative Barry has sent to his constituents who have written him in opposition to convoys, he has taken his stand with those of us who do not want American boys to die for the defense of "democracy" in China and India (and now Russia).

2. We can join the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, which is daily growing in strength and which, if it grows strong enough, will be able to compel the Administration to keep this country at peace. A small contribution to the Committee now will enable it to carry on its work and will save each one of us hundreds of dollars in war taxes. If you will sign the enclosed card and return it to me, one of my volunteer helpers or I will call on you to enroll you in the America First Committee.

The same clique of Judas Iscariots who sold the lives of American soldiers to the Allies for thirty pieces of silver in 1917 are working night and day to put over the same deal again. They have the help of the anti-Christian Communist Party with all its powerful propaganda agencies and all its smirking, hypocritical admirers and fellow travellers, from Mrs. Roosevelt down to Mayor LaGuardia. Unless the rest of us start fighting for peace, American boys will be dying in England, Russia, China and Africa before the end of this year, and the common people of America will be picked clean by the tax-collectors.

Sincerely yours,

JAY F. TIFFANY.

C O P Y

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
May 21, 1941

Dear Constituent:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter regarding convoys.

I am absolutely opposed to this Nation sending its fleet to convoy through any war zone; as the President said, "convoys mean shooting and shooting means war".

I earnestly request you to send a letter of protest to the President, and also write to at least three friends, requesting them to do likewise and have them in turn write to at least three friends more; in other words, start a chain letter system a gainst the drive for convoys and war.

In spite of propaganda and hysteria of a frightened minority, this Nation can successfully defend the Western Hemisphere from attack by any possible combination of enemies.

The argument that we will lose our foreign trade with Europe, Asia and Africa and strangle economically if England does not win is absurd. In the first place, our foreign trade with those continents amounts to only 3½% of our entire business. In the second place, we have been competing successfully for many years with dictatorship nations where the so-called slave labor exists. As a matter of fact, since 1930 up until the outbreak of the War, our foreign trade doubled, and during those years we competed with and traded with all of the totalitarian countries; and strange as it may seem the lowest wage scale in the world exists in "Democratic" China, and the next lowest wage scale is in British India, another alleged democracy where coal miners are paid 90¢ a week, jute workers $1.25 a week and industrial workers $1.35 a week. Child labor is prevalent, and the average wage for it is 70¢ a month.

The destiny of this Nation is not dependent upon any other nation outside of the Western Hemisphere, where we can be self-sufficient if necessary.

It is my conviction that if the men who suffered at Valley Forge, and founded this Nation, were alive today, they would gaze with amazement and shame at the small minority of Americans who are hysterically proclaiming that this great and powerful nation of 130 million people cannot defend itself without the aid of the British Navy.

Yours very truly,

W. B. Barry
Member of Congress.

ELIOT AVENUE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

OF QUEENS, INC.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Association will be held at the meeting hall, 84th Street and 60th Avenue, on Friday, July 18th, 1941, at 8:30 P.M. to take action on the following:

1. A resolution that this Association send to all the members of Congress a mimeographed letter urging them to vote in favor of the following:

(a) An amendment to the Lend-Lease Act providing that the President of the United States shall not extend any aid under the Act to Soviet Russia.

(b) An amendment to the Neutrality Act directing the President of the United States to apply the provisions of the Act to Soviet Russia.

(c) A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the armed forces of the United States shall not be sent to fight outside United States territory except upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the American people in a national popular referendum, such proposed amendment to be submitted to conventions in the several States.

2. A resolution that the Secretary of this Association write to President Roosevelt requesting him to re-

move Secretaries Stimson, Knox, Ickes, Morgenthau and Wickard from his Cabinet, replacing them with men who will concentrate on building up the defenses of the United States and who will not attempt to maneuver this country into the war; and authorizing the officers of this Association to circulate a petition to the same effect among the members of the Assocation for their signatures and to send the said petition to President Roosevelt.

3. A resolution that this Association donate to the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

4. A resolution instructing the Board of Directors of this Association to rescind a resolution adopted at a special meeting held June 30, 1941, purporting to correct and interpret a resolution adopted by the members of this Association at a regular meeting held June 6, 1941, authorizing the President of this Association to appeal to the members for support for the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, on the ground that th said purported action of the Board of Directors was beyond their jurisdiction and is therefore illegal, invalid, null and void, and further instructing the Board of Directors not to attempt to re-instate their said purported resolution, either in whole or in part, at any time in the future.

5. Any other business which may be brought before the meeting.

It is suggested that members take this notice to the meeting with them, so that they may readily follow the order of business and the consideration of the various items.

MURIEL BENLISA,
Secretary.

JAY F. TIFFANY
President.

THE BIOW COMPANY
INCORPORATED
9 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF [redacted]

August 15th, 1941

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed letter was received by our client, Philip Morris & Co. Ltd., Inc., after the broadcasting of "Arms For The Love of America".

It is at the request of Mr. A. E. Lyon, Executive Vice-President of Philip Morris, that we send you this letter together with a copy of his answer to it. He is of the opinion that the contents of the original letter might be of importance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Attn: Philip Mario Jotuco Co.

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Philip Morris Co.
c/o K.F.I.
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Gentlemen:

Just a line to let you that you have lost a customer of some fifteen years.

We listen to to radio to be entertained, not to be insulted with any patriotic or war spirit. I sincerely think your song "~~In Man~~ "For the Love of America" was entirely out of place tonight.

You would do well to place some one of the caliber of the Hon. Burton K. Wheeler on your program. Seventy-five percent of the "Americans"

in this county agree with the "America First Movement" and are getting very tired of Jewish flag waving and English propaganda. Tim vote or I refuse to smoke Philip Morris cigarettes (a nice drop in your bucket!) or listen to your radio programs.

Yours very truly

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Los Angeles, Calif.

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August 12th, 1941

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[redacted]
Los Angeles, California.

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of July 29th has been placed before me, and may I at the outset say that we sincerely regret that you took exception to the patriotic number "For the Love of America" which was played on our programme. We ask, however, your indulgence and sympathetic understanding of our position.

When we put on a radio programme, we do not do so to please or entertain ourselves, but with a hope that we can correctly gauge the feelings and reactions of the listening audience. The people in charge of our radio productions felt that a very great majority of the people in this country were sympathetic to the democratic form of Government and would not resent the playing of the number to which you object.

Your letter, however, has forcibly brought home to them that there are followers of Burton K. Wheeler and members of the America First Movement, who object to such numbers.

Yours very truly,

A. E. Lyon
Executive Vice-President.

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The Blow Company, Incorporated
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear [redacted] b7c

I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your courtesy in making your letter of August 15, 1941, available to me, together with the material attached thereto.

Any matters which you may care to transmit to me will be gratefully received.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Assistant Chief of Staff
G-2, War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for whatever consideration deemed appropriate by you copies of a communication dated July 26, 1941, addressed to me by [redacted] together with photostatic copies of the enclosure thereof.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. R. P. KRAMER

RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY

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The following information was received at the Bureau from an unknown, outside source, through a communication dated at New York, New York, April 30, 1941.

This source reported that Edward S. Webster, Jr., Executive Secretary of the captioned committee issued a statement on April 28, 1941, that approximately 9200 new members had joined the organization since the Manhattan Center rally on April 23, 1941. It is reported that at this rally on the twenty-third the German groups had special buses from Newark, Jersey City, Irvington, Bloomfield, Paterson and even as far off as Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

It is stated that this meeting was divided into two groups, "one was those on the inside and the others were those people who had to pay out money for tickets." It is said that those on the inside could secure press tickets from the following groups:

American Patriots	German-American Bund
Committee for Preservation of America	Kyffhauser Bund
Christian Front	Modern '76's
Christian Mobilizers	Social Justice Groups
Crusaders for Americanism	

This source of information states that the following were among those who were present: Reverend Herbert Lewis, Bund and Christian Front member; George F. Boian, leading member of the U. S. branch of the Roumanian Iron Guard, disseminator of pro-Nazi propaganda; Edmund Burke, Christian Mobilizer, speaker and organizer, a jailbird; James McGee, Christian Front propagandist; Daniel Hogan, bodyguard of the American Destiny Party leader, Joseph McWilliams; George Rieper, Christian Front contact man, associated with many Fifth Column groups; James Stewart, a street-corner speaker of the Christian Mobilizers and member of their inner council; Edward Canta,

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former witness before the Dies Committee, now employed by the American Women Against Communism, a fascist organization; Mrs. Leonora Schuyler (on platform), bigwig in the Allied Patriotic Society, frequenter of Christian Front and Mobilizer meetings; Mrs. Cooper, a leader in the fascist Paul Revere Sentinels, a friend and co-worker of Mrs. Schuyler; Edward James Smythe, intimate of Bundites, KKK leader, staunch Hitlerite and violent anti-Semite; George A. Van Nosdall, bund member, former president of the Crusaders for Americanism; John B. Snow, chairman of the League for Constitutional Government, a white collar fascist group that specializes in spreading anti-Semitic propaganda; Lawrence Dennis, well-known fascist "theoretician," author of The Coming American Fascism; Gustav Elmer, treasurer of the Bund; August Klapprott, Bund leader now out on bail after conviction in New Jersey on charges of incitement to hate; and many others of like nature.

This source further indicates that the American First Committee is now becoming the spearhead of all the pro-Nazi appeasement movements in order to coordinate the storm troop forces in this country. According to the publication called "The Hour," it is alleged that the fascist groups throughout the United States have agreed on Charles A. Lindbergh as the man who will be the leader and coordinator of the entire movement and it is said that Lindbergh has already assumed this position. It is further stated that Father Coughlin will provide a large portion of the following, and that he is not reluctant to admit his participation. An editorial of the April 28, 1941, issue of Social Justice set forth the following:

> "Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh became a member of the America First Committee last week.
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> "It is the same Committee under whose auspices Senator Burton K. Wheeler speaks.
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> "It is the same Committee under whose auspices Father Charles E. Coughlin would be speaking did he enjoy one-half as much liberty as a priest and as a citizen, as that enjoyed by Monsignor John A. Ryan of the National Catholic Welfare Council.
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> "It is the same Committee which all non-interventionists should join in the hope of saving this country from the destructionists -- the New Deal Interventionists."

The source of information inclosing indicates that the America First Committee has not the slightest interest in peace and that in reality it is eager to see Germany triumph. The source states that this movement has no concern with peace and that this can be shown by the policy of the committee which heavily recommends expansion of the United States to the South and the subsequent taking over of territory in Latin America either by "peaceful means or otherwise."

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. Anderson

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
FederalBureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

Sherman Miles

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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WAR DEPARTMENT
M. I. D.

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August 19, 1941
(Date)

Subject: STREET SPEAKERS FOR AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE.

Summary of Information:

The America First Committee has in the New York Metropolitan Area a group of street corner speakers who are clean cut, "typical" American young men. They are obviously well educated, speak without accent and have an excellent command of English. They are not "rabble rousers" in any sense of the word but direct their appeal"to the common sense of the common people who will have to do the paying and the dying in the event of a war". They carry on their talks in quiet, well modulated tones often approaching the delivery of a teacher to a class. They are effective although their audience at 59th Street and Lexington Avenue (28 July 41, 9:15 P.) numbered only about 60 persons. Although the speakers received rather "spotty" applause they were not booed or hissed at all. There were three police officers and a patrol car in attendance at the above mentioned meeting.

When a request was made from among the listeners for a question period the speaker declined to yield to questions stating that the America First Committee had found that hecklers attempted to break up meetings; that the America First Committee was interested in placing the facts before the thinking public and that the America First Committee will be more than pleased to answer all questions if the questioner will stop in at one of their offices.

The America First Committee apparently had been careful in the selection of its speakers. The two men heard at 59th Street last night were men who bore out the tenor of their talks i.e that they were capable and willing to fight FOR THE UNITED STATES but they were "too well informed to be willing to fight for any other country."

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

AUG 20 1941

Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

Sherman Miles

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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July 30, 1941

Subject: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE - Disaffection Among Troops

Summary of Information:

1. It has been learned from a source believed to be reliable that a special unit has been formed in the New York City section of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE called the "Investigation Unit." It is under the direction of one GEORGE WRANGELL, who calls himself BARON CHARLES BOKASSOWKI VON WRANGELL. This WRANGELL, of Russian origin, is in no way connected with the late GENERAL BARON WRANGEL, one of the leaders of the White Russian Army. GEORGE WRANGELL through GEORGE DJAMGAROFF, see report from this headquarters under date of April 11, 1941, was given this title by the GRAND DUKE CYRIL of Russia who lives in France and whose daughter KIRA married PRINCE LOUIS FERDINAND of Prussia and whose son VLADIMIR is now reported to be considered by the Germans to inherit the throne of Russia under German protection. GEORGE WRANGELL was able to obtain a number of important subscriptions to the funds of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE amongst Russian emigres and rich American women married to former Russians, such as HELENA RUBINSTEIN, owner of the well-known beauty parlors, and others. It is also reported that he has met at different times with the French refugee groups who gather at the Waldorf-Astoria, Pierre, Barclay and other hotels and some of whom were formerly subject of a report from this office dated July 17, 1941, under the heading "Vichy Government Officials and Their Associates Active in the United States."

2. GEORGE WRANGELL is openly PRO-GERMAN and PRO-NAZI and is closely associated with one BORIS BRASOL who was mentioned in a report from this office dated July 2, 1941, Russian, with the closest possible contacts with the GERMAN BUND and German Government circles. BORIS BRASOL recently addressed an open letter to the President of the United States, signed by himself, ARCHBISHOP VITALY of the Russian Orthodox Church of New York, and BORIS SERGIEVSKY, protesting against American help to Soviet Russia. BORIS BRASOL is also known to be in close touch with CHARLES HUDSON, Omaha, Nebraska, CHARLES W. PHILLIPS, Lincoln, Nebraska, GERALD WINROD and other subversive elements, including GUY JUENNEMAN, THERESA HOLM, COLONEL BRYANT, who were the subjects of a report from this office dated July 2, 1941.

3. The "Investigation Unit" is the creation of MR. BRONSON BATCHELOR, a noted press relations counsel and supposedly the leading spirit behind the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE activities. BATCHELOR is a close friend and

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business associate of CARL BYOIR, who was accused by CONGRESSMAN PATMAN on August 29, 1940, of being a German spy.

4. The WRANGELL-BRASOL group freely admit that they are PRO-NAZI and cooperate with the BUND. It has been learned from other sources believed to be reliable that German groups either friendly or affiliated with the BUND are actively supporting the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE activities and BUND leaders urge all their supporters to join the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE and collect funds for same.

5. It has been learned from the same sources that Bundists are operating as volunteer workers in addressing the anti-interventionist literature now being put out by the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE and also are seeking every means to contact parents of selectees, either directly or by mail, for the purpose of urging them to support by messages to Congressmen and Senators the propaganda against extension of military service for selectees.

6. It has been further learned that certain of these BUND agents, at least one of whom is on the payroll of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, are meeting with soldiers in the taverns and amusement places around Fort Dix and other Army camps, primarily for the purpose of obtaining the home addresses of all men whose surroundings they think would react favorably to their efforts. These addresses are used to distribute literature ranging from the cards issued by SENATOR WHEELER to the highly subversive literature published by CHARLES HUDSON, GERALD WINROD and others.

7. It has been further reported that these agents have approached parents of selectees and suggested to them that their sons should form clubs in Army camps for the purpose of sending collective messages protesting against retention in the military service to SENATOR WHEELER and other prominent personages. For this purpose also the German groups are forming propaganda circles under the style of bridge clubs or pinochle clubs which are quite numerous in taverns in the suburban districts of New York City.

8. Particular attention is being paid by the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE to efforts to secure financial support and adherence to its program amongst groups of well-to-do citizens in Westchester County, New York, Fairfield County, Connecticut, and Morris County, New Jersey. These thickly populated, prosperous communities are the home of many of the young officers now on duty with troops. Special attempts are being made to influence them through impressing their parents and for this purpose notable speakers, such as Ex-Governor PHILIP LaFOLLETTE of Wisconsin and others, are being obtained to address the meetings. In this way the morale is seriously affected.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

S. V. CONSTANT
Lt.Col.,G.S.C.
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Hon. John Edgar Hoover, Director
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
United States Department of Justice
Washington
District of Columbia

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated August 18th, 1941, received.

Please accept my thanks for same.

I am glad to know these matters are having your close attention.

Faithfully yours,

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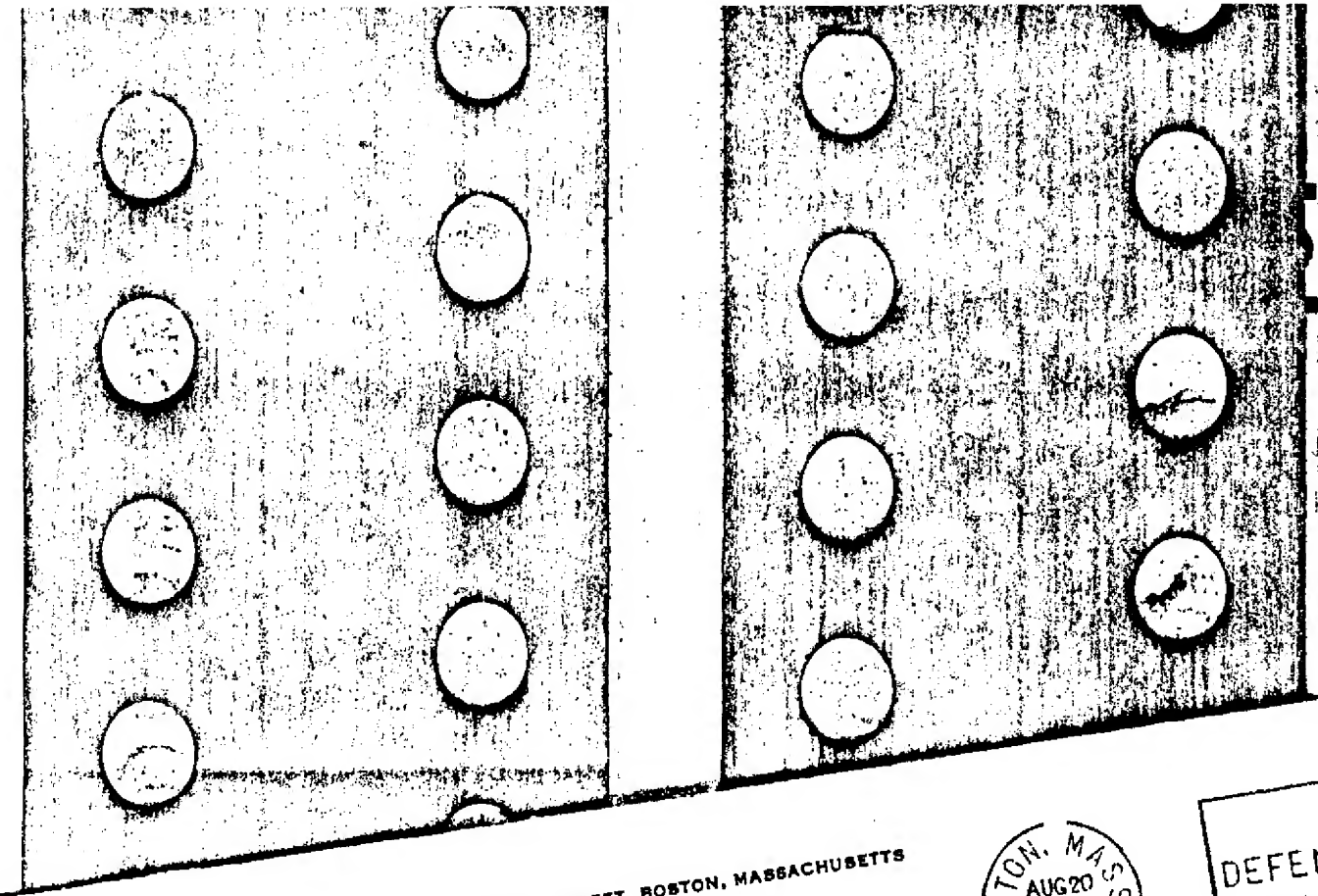
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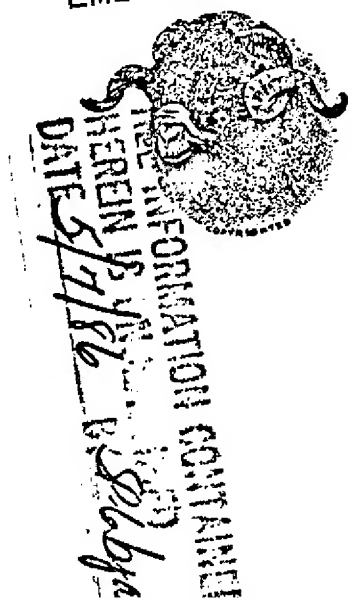
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EDGAR HOOVER

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum for the Honorable Francis Biddle, Acting Attorney General, dated August 15, 1941, quoting a telegram received from [redacted] b7c dated August 13, 1941 at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL
HONORABLE FRANCIS BIDDLE

For your information, I am in receipt of the following quoted telegram which I have not acknowledged due to insufficient address:

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Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 12, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

[redacted], was referred to me from the Director's office.

[redacted] that she has a high regard for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the part which it is presently playing in behalf of the national defense. She stated that she and her husband have been in frequent contact with Special Agent [redacted].

[redacted] stated that she merely wanted to call at the Bureau and report to one of Mr. Hoover's assistants her opinion that the America First Committee constitutes a real danger and menace to the national defense. She stated that members of the America First Committee in and about Santa Fe, New Mexico, believed by her to be very active in creating disunity, etc., are [redacted] who owns prominent railway interests; [redacted] of a prominent and wealthy family; [redacted], and owner of large financial and business interests in Germany; [redacted], Secretary of [redacted], a very pro-Nazi individual; [redacted], very anti-Semitic; [redacted] and numerous others.

[redacted] stated that in her opinion the America First Committee members are in the first place bitterly anti-Roosevelt; secondly, they are entirely fanatic; thirdly, they are strongly anti-Semitic; fourthly, they are completely discontented and dissatisfied with the present setup in America. She stated that in her opinion because of their wealth, influence and position they constitute the gravest menace to the internal security of this country at the present time.

[redacted]

This is not being recapitulated in detail in this memorandum.

[redacted] was thanked very courteously for her interest in bringing this information to the Bureau and she was assured that careful consideration and the attention deemed appropriate would be furnished this and any other material that she might care to furnish to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

C. H. Carson

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: "CAMPUS COPPERHEADS", Box 5512
Metro Station, Los Angeles,
California.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a copy of a hand bill and a card turned over to this office by [redacted] b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that hand bills of this type were distributed by an unidentified woman at a CIO meeting at the Baltimore Coliseum on June 15, 1941.

This matter is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and no investigation is contemplated in this District.

Very truly yours,

E. A. SOUCY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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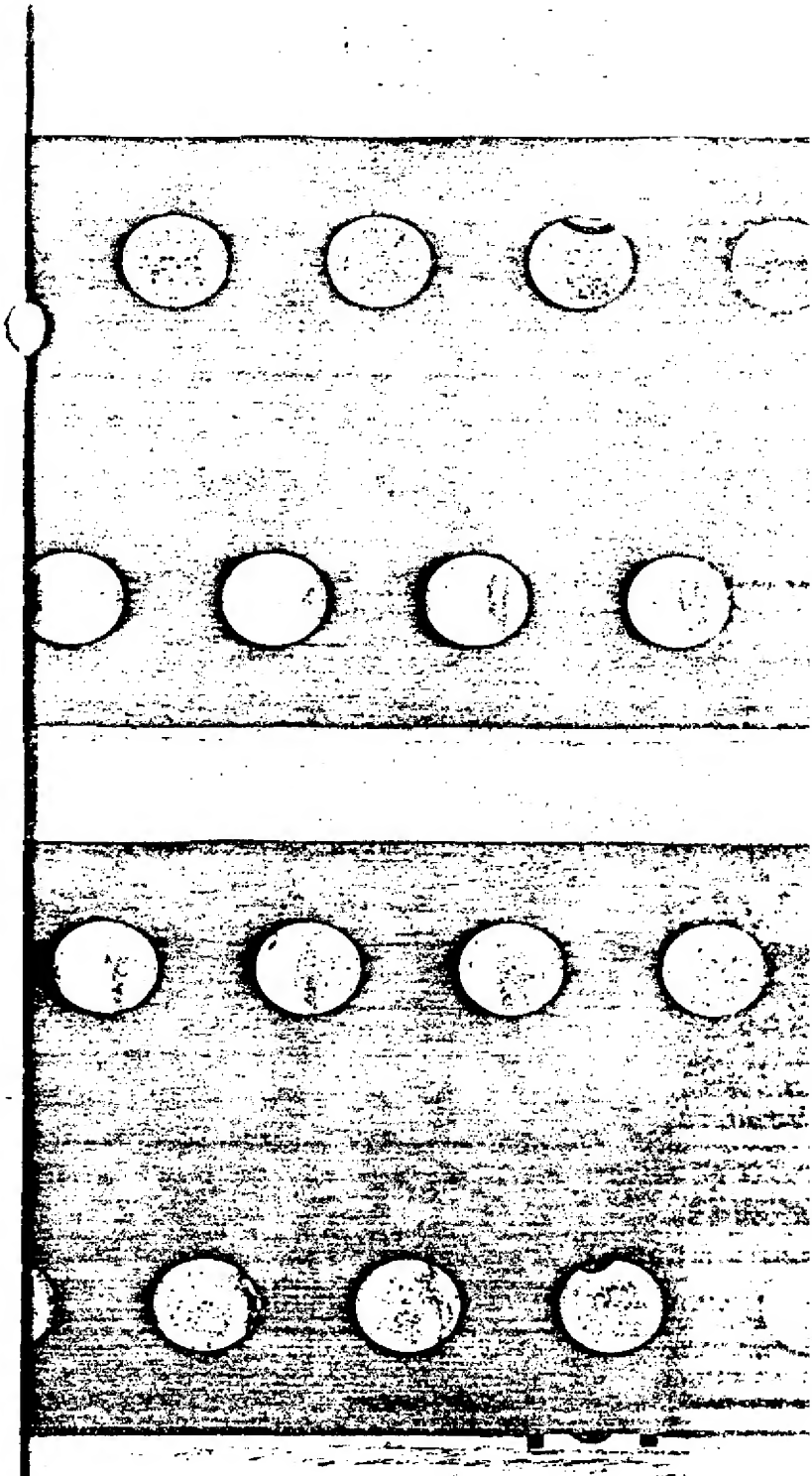
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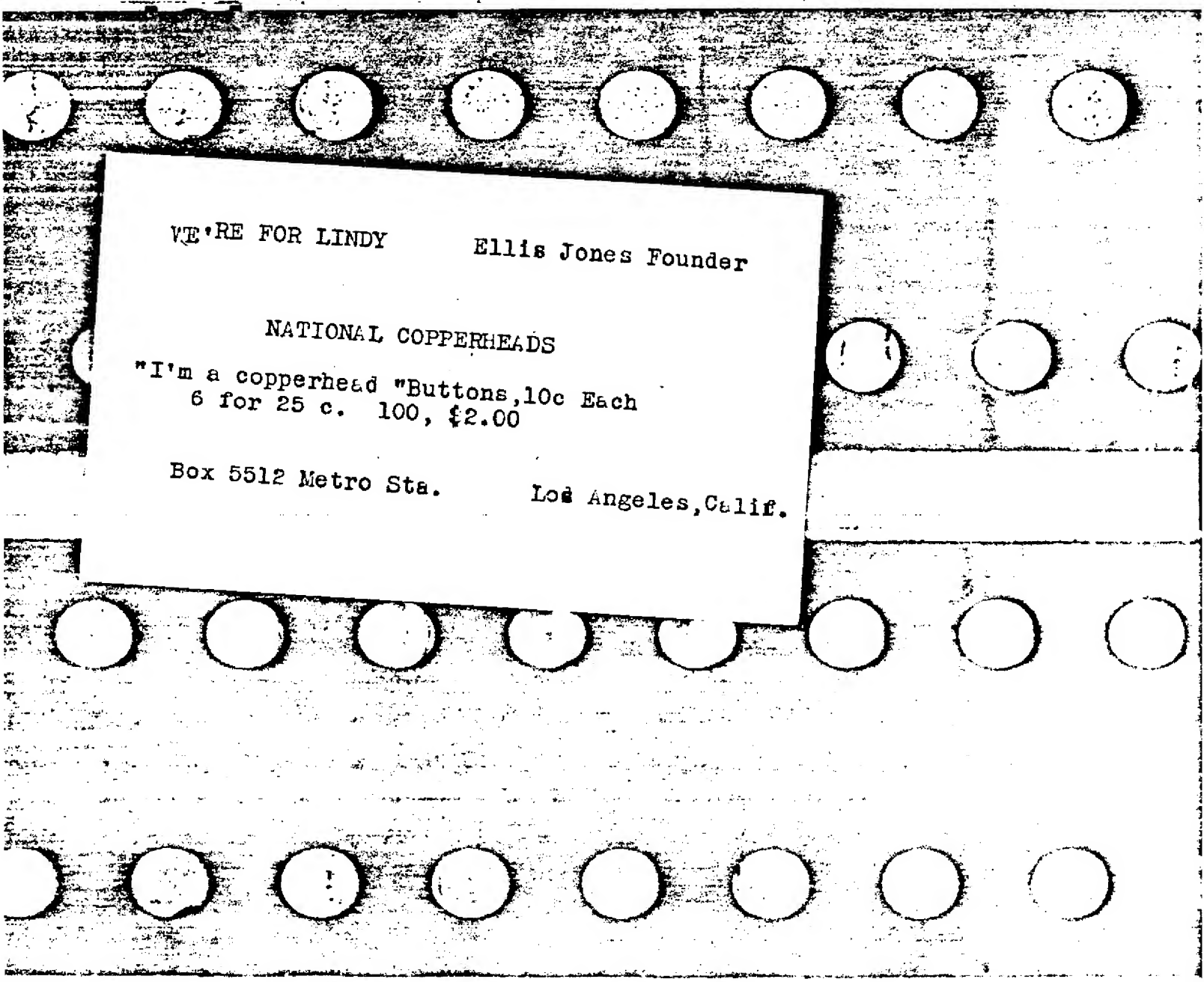
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Los Angeles,Calif.

CAMPUS COPPERHEADS.

Los Angeles - A group of Lindbergh enthusiasts among the under graduates at conservative, privately-endowed University of Southern California have formed what is believed to be the first "coil" of "Campus Copperheads". Claiming to have the shortest constitution and by-laws on record, the two together constituted of but three words, "We're for Lindy", they show their colors by wearing a sizable lapel button bearing the simple inscription, "I'm a Copperhead."

The provisional officers and charter officers and charter members h have been drawn from the ranks of those who entered vigorous protest at the discourtesy accorded by President Von Kleinsmid and other university authorities to Senator Gerald P. Nye when he recently spoke here under the auspices of the America First Committee. Preparations are under way for a large off-campus rally in the near furture to be addressed by prominent local non-interventionists.

The "Campus Copperheads" are affiliated with the National Copperheads, Bos 5512 Metro Sta., Los Angeles, launched here immediately following President Roosevelt' angry attack which resulted in Colonel Lindbergh's resignation from the army air corps. Also affiliated are the Copperhead Clubs, formed and forming among the pilots of LaGuardia Field and other aviation centers.

The purpose of the organization is declared to be a simple one, namely to "rally and organize in support of the unpolluted Americanism, the straightforward and clearheaded realism and those sound enduring principles so ably and convincingly enunciated over and over by that most popular of all Americans, our beloved Lindy".

Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

August 28, 1941.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Senator Pepper has written to ask me if we have any information with respect to the America First Committee. Attached are the Articles of Association of one of the local Committees.

Of course I am familiar with the objectives of the Committee. I should appreci te your letting me have any information which you may have on the Committee. Please return the papers when you have finished with them.

FRANCIS BIDDLE
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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Re: THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

The America First Committee was incorporated under the Not for Profit Laws of the State of Illinois on September 19, 1940. The purposes of the committee as outlined in its charter are to encourage and maintain in the United States of America:

1. Peace and the Democratic ideal.
2. A program of adequate defense.
3. A furtherance of peace in this continent, a policy of non-intervention in the affairs of other continents and to encourage the giving of help to refugees and the needy in other lands insofar as such help does not endanger the peace in the United States.

The America First Committee has advertised itself as being "non-partisan organization of loyal and patriotic men who believe:

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1. The United States must build an unbreakable national defense.
2. No foreign power nor group of powers can ever successfully invade a prepared America.
3. Our Government sending men of its own, ships, planes and materials of war to a belligerent overseas dangerously weakens our defense at home and threatens to involve America in war abroad.
4. Our American Democratic liberties can only be preserved by keeping out of foreign wars in Europe or in Asia."

The national headquarters of the America First Committee is located at 1806 Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois. A local headquarters is maintained in Washington, D. C., at 1010 Vermont Avenue, N. W. There is a total of 586 local chapters and affiliated units of the America First Committee throughout the United States.

The following is a list of the officers and Directors of the America First Committee with the background as to each individual

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Acting Chairman - GENERAL ROBERT E. WOOD, 925 S. Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; graduate of West Point and served many years as officer in the United States Army; presently Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sears Roebuck and Company.

National Director and Secretary - R. DOUGLAS STUART, JR., 141 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; graduate of Yale University and studied three years in the Yale Law School before terminating his study to become associated with the America First Committee; is the son of R. Douglas Stuart of the Quaker Oats Company.

Treasurer - J. STANFORD OTIS, Vice-President of the Central Republic Bank of Chicago.

Board of Directors

HANFORD MAC NIDER - Mason City, Iowa; presently a banker; former National Commander of the American Legion; former Assistant Secretary of War, 1925 to 1928; served with the United States Army in France during the World War and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on May 6, 1919; received Croix de Guerre - five citations; also connected with various civic organizations.

GENERAL THOMAS HAMMOND - Retired United States Army Officer; president of Whiting Corporation, manufacturers of cranes and foundry equipment, Harvey, Illinois; served with United States Army in World War; chairman of Republican Party in Illinois.

J. C. HORMEL - Formerly with George A. Hormel and Company Packers, Austin, Minnesota.

CLAY JUDSON - Attorney, 120 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois; associated with the law firm of Wilson and McIlvaine; former president of Chicago Council of Foreign Relationships; member of Board of Trustees of United

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Charities, Chicago, and president of Board of Trustees, Frances Parker School, Chicago, which is a well-known private school.

In addition to the above officers, the following are members of the America First Committee:

DR. ANTON JULIUS CARLSON -
Professor of University of Chicago; reported to be an international pacifist; has studied in Moscow, U.S.S.R.; considered an extreme liberal was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Sanitary Corps, United States Army in 1917 and was with the American Expeditionary Force from March to September, 1919.

WILLIAM R. CASTLE, JR. -
Former Assistant Secretary of State; former Ambassador to Japan.

IRVIN S. COBB - Nationally known speaker and author. ✓

JANET AYER FAIRBANKS -
Active in cause of women suffrage and politics; former member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee; was a member of the Women's National Liberty Loan Committee during the World War; has written several books.

JOHN T. FLYNN - Noted economist and writer; wrote "Country Squire in the White House." ✓

HENRY FORD - Automobile manufacturer. ✓

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON -
Nationally known retired Army officer.

ALICE ROOSEVELT LONGWORTH -
Daughter of the late President Theodore Roosevelt.

THOMAS N. MC CARTER -
Attorney General of New Jersey, 1902 to 1907, which post he resigned to become president of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, which operates and controls nearly all of the gas, electric and transportation utilities in New

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Jersey; director of Chase National Bank, New York City; Federal Union Trust Company; Newark, New Jersey; American Surety Company; American Super Power Corporation and United Gas Improvement Company.

CAPTAIN EDWARD RICKENBACKER - Nationally known aviation figure.

LOUIS J. TABER - Nationally known for his work in connection with agricultural developments.

DR. GEORGE H. WHIPPLE - Nationally known pathologist.

The following persons, who are nationally known, are also Members of this Committee:

Mrs. Bennett Champ Clark
Bishop W. E. Hammaker
Kathryn Lewis
Sterling Morton
Edward L. Ryerson, Jr.
Mrs. Burton K. Wheeler

The America First Committee is reported to be financed solely by voluntary contributions by those interested in the organization. The Committee conducted a radio broadcast on October 21, 1940, at which time the radio announcer requested his listeners to send anything from dimes to dollars to the America First Committee, Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois, and this same request was made following numerous other broadcasts.

The financial support of the America First Committee seemingly evolves from voluntary contributions and in connection with the financing of this Committee attention is directed to the financial positions held by:

General Robert E. Wood	J. C. Hormel
R. Douglas Stuart, Jr.	Clay Judson
J. Sanford Otis	Wm. R. Castle
Hanford MacNider	Henry Ford
General Thomas Hammond	Alice Roosevelt Longworth

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The America First Committee has published an enormous amount of propaganda literature concerning the aims of the Committee and has circulated this literature throughout the United States. The apparent object of the literature is to crystallize American opinion to prevent the entrance of the United States into European wars and to vilify the foreign affairs program of President Roosevelt. The numerous pamphlets published by the Committee state that 86% of the people of the United States are opposed to the United States intervening in foreign wars. These pamphlets fail to make any explanation as to how the figure of 86% was arrived at. This literature also makes an appeal to American mothers to aid the Committee for the purpose of preventing their sons from being embroiled in another European war. The foreign program of President Roosevelt is termed "the road to war" by the literature emanating from this committee. (100-4712-41-56)

Friends of Democracy, Incorporated, L. M. Birkhead, National Director, with National headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, published a pamphlet entitled the "America First Committee, the Nazi Transmission Belt." This pamphlet alleges the America First Committee whether its members know it or not and whether they like it or not is a Nazi front organization and is a transmission belt by means of which the apostles of Nazism are spreading their anti-Democratic ideas into millions of American homes. This pamphlet also charges that Adolf Hitler and his disciples in the United States are using the America First Committee to spread Fascist and Nazi propaganda.

Information received from the office of Naval Intelligence discloses that on February 4, 1941, [redacted] entertained [redacted] During the course of the conversation at the party, [redacted] stated while attacking the contemplated Land Lease Bill, also opposed by the America First Committee, that the "only way we can be safe is to see the pins knocked out from under Britain." The informant who furnished this information stated that such a remark indicated that she had become imbued with pro-German sentiment because of her association with various individuals, including [redacted] and one [redacted] all of whom are suspected of German espionage. It will be noted that [redacted] has done publicity work for the German Embassy. (S-1)(C)

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Committee is reported as attempting to secure the support of any and all organizations including the Coughlinite Social Justice Group. The news venders of Coughlins Social Justice in New York City appeared upon the streets displaying America First Committee buttons. (100-4712-5X).

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Information received from a confidential source reveals that Captain Joseph M. Patterson, owner of the New York Daily News and Colonel Robert McCormick of Chicago, Illinois, are heavy financial backers of the Committee. [redacted] 61-7566-2558). b2 b7D

Information received from Edwin S. Webster, General Secretary of America First Committee, 49 East 53 Street, New York City discloses that a New York Chapter of this Committee has between 15,000 and 20,000 members. Webster claims that none but an American citizen can become a member of this Committee. (100-4712-21).

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Information received from the office of Military Intelligence, indicates that the America First Committee, in the opinion of the Communists, is a dangerous movement launched by "big open-shop industrialists," and the political bureau of the Communist Party is of the belief that in the event that the United States gets into the war, the America First Committee will support the war regardless of its present opposition; and further that when this country is ready to plunge into war the "General Woods, Ryersons, Fords, McCormicks," etc., would declare that they no longer opposed war because the country is engaged with a foreign foe. (Conf. Source G-2, 61-7559-11557) (S-1) (X) (U)

A leaflet distributed in February, 1941, by the German American National Alliance urged the recipient of the leaflet to write to two senators advocating the defeat of the Land Lease Bill and to send financial contributions to the America First Committee. (61-10498-444)

On February 25, 1941, the Chicago Tribune carried an article relating that the America First Committee had assigned speakers to cover down-state communities in Illinois for the purpose of creating opposition to the Administration Bill. It was stated that Walter F. Boye who, during the summer of 1938, had toured the German Reich and who had returned to the United States with glowing accounts of Nazi accomplishments and praise of

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Hitler's ideology was one of those speakers. It was indicated that Nye's line of argument in his speaking tour would take the form of "placing such terrific power in the President's hands." (100-0-5003)

The Philadelphia Ledger for April 22, 1941, carried an article stating that the National Legion of Mothers and Women of America contemplated inviting women associated with the Kyffhauser Bund into its membership. Mrs. Edith Scott of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, whose organization is affiliated with the America First Committee, said the invitation was under consideration by her group. (100-4712-A)

In the April 14, 1941 issue of the Staten Island Advance an article appeared stating that Howard I. Jump, son of Mrs. Lila Jump, head of the Staten Island unit of the America First Committee, had failed to report for induction as ordered by the local draft board and had been given a formal notice giving him five days in which to change his mind. Jump, twice before, was refused deferment by his local draft board; once on a medical deficiency claim and again on an occupational claim. (100-4712-30XI)

Information received from the office of Naval Intelligence on April 23, 1941, disclosed that [redacted], a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Simms, a United States destroyer, had been active aboard the ship and had obtained the signatures of twelve enlisted men to join the America First Committee. (Conf. Source ONI, 100-4712-33) b7C

The News Letter of Los Angeles, California for April 9, 1941, carried an article concerning the America First Committee meeting held at Los Angeles, California, which was addressed by Mrs. Catherine Curtis and Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota. This article related that Mrs. Curtis' experience in rabble rousing is so comprehensive that she might easily qualify as "the top matcher of the petticoat platoon." It was she who founded the Women's National Committee for Hands Off the Supreme Court." She also was active in organizing the Women Investors in America, Incorporated, which organizations make their headquarters at 535 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. (100-4712-38)

Information received from the office of Military Intelligence on May 6, 1941, reveals that the German American War Veterans of Portland, Oregon had contributed funds to the America First Committee, and that the America First Committee had received funds from other German organizations. (Conf. Source G-2, 100-36444-1)

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Information emanating from the office of Military Intelligence on May 9, 1941, reports that the Nazis have instructed the naturalized members of the German-American population to join the America First Committee and to use it as an avenue of anti-British and anti-war propaganda. (S-1)(2)(U)

(conf. source G-2, 100-4712-69)

The same source advised that on May 21, 1941, the America First Committee in the Ninth Corps Area of the United States Army had fallen under the control of radicals seeking to undermine the morale of the soldiers by means of anti-war propaganda. (conf. source G-2, 61-7559-11760)

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The Washington Times Herald for May 26, 1941, reported that the America First Committee together with the Committee Against War and the Keep America Out of War Congress had made plans for a three-day rally commencing May 30, 1941. The two latter groups are reported to contain a number of Socialists in their ranks.

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The activity of the America First Committee reached its peak during the period when it exerted its complete effort to the end of blocking the Land Lease Bill sponsored by the administration. Thousands of pieces of literature were distributed; numerous meetings were held in the metropolitan areas and the people all over the nation were incited to petition their national representatives to block the passage of this legislation.

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Two of the largest meetings sponsored by this Committee during that period were held at New York City on May 23, 1941, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 29, 1941, at which meetings approximately 20,000 people attended. Senator Burton Wheeler of Montana, Charles A. Lindbergh, Kathleen Norris and Norman Thomas were the headline speakers at these meetings. The texts of the speeches delivered were concerned with deriding the administration's foreign policy, especially the Land Lease Bill, which they emphatically criticised as an active step towards entrance of the United States into the European conflict.

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Information received from a confidential source in May, 1941, indicated that the America First Committee is supplying the financial support for the publication "Uncensored", which is published by the Keep America Out of War Congress, an organization reported to contain a number of Socialists in its membership.

(100-4712-72) (61-7566-2558)

Information has been received from the office of Military Intelligence that a young lady employed at the America First Committee headquarters in New Rochelle, New York, had advised an enlisted man that it was permissible for him to petition the authorities in Washington in regard to the proposed national foreign policy and expressed the opinion that she would not blame the enlisted man in going A.W.O.L., in case war was declared by the United States.

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An anonymous communication received on July 28, 1941, enclosed a clipping from the New York Evening Post. This clipping disclosed that Newton Millaway of Reading, Massachusetts received numerous communications from the German Library of Information addressed to him as Newton Stillaway, and that after this organization was closed he began to receive literature from the America First Committee addressed to him in the same manner, that is the same mistake with the spelling of his name, and the stencil printing on the literature received from the America First Committee was identical with that received from the German Library of Information.

(100-4712-108)

Information received from an outside unknown source on August 7, 1941, disclosed that the America First Committee has a Colored Section headed by J. Finley Wilson, Chairman, and Perry W. Howard, Secretary, with national headquarters at 613 F Street, North West, Washington, D. C. This organization is reported to have distributed literature in colored circles requesting the colored population to petition their national representatives to discourage the United States from entering the European war.

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Other nationally known figures who have affiliated themselves with the America First Committee are Senator David I. Walsh, Congressman Hamilton Fish, Congressman James Francis O'Connor, Congressman Dewey Short, former Governor Philip LaFollette, and Robert Hutchins, President of the University of Chicago.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL
HONORABLE FRANCIS BIDDLE

In response to the request contained in your memorandum of August 28, 1941, there is attached a memorandum containing the information available in our files with respect to The America First Committee.

The inclosures to your memorandum of reference are being returned herewith in accordance with your request.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Inclosure

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Lett 8-23-41 to Mr. Biddle from United States Senator Claude Pepper -
Lett 6-26-41 to the Senator from [redacted] -
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THE DIRECTOR

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While discussing the conference held in New York this morning with Mr. Sackett he stated that the Area Controller advised that he had given to General Watson pamphlets and literature that had come up at previous meetings such as cartoons of the President published by the America First forces, etc. The Area Controller suggested to General Watson and the General agreed with him that some sort of legislation be enacted forcing all contributors to any organizations of that nature to have their names published and go on record as having subscribed to it as a means of reducing the number of people who would cooperate with such organizations. Mr. Sackett stated that this will probably be suggested to the President.

Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida
August 28, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE;
Internal Security.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for the perusal of the Bureau, various pieces of literature circulated by the America First Committee of Miami, Florida.

This literature was received from [redacted] b2 b7D

[redacted] As this literature is received from time to time copies of same will be furnished to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. G. DANNER
Special Agent in Charge.

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An Editorial THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

From the Chicago Tribune, May 8, 1941.

YOU CAN'T OUTBUILD A MAP

When a member of parliament asked Mr. Churchill why more retaliatory bombing raids were not made on Berlin, that statesman retorted that he was forced to put business ahead of pleasure. President Roosevelt apparently does not feel that grim obligation. In his call for a vast increase in the production of heavy bombers—the proposed rate of 500 a month is 25 times what we now produce—he is indulging in wishful thinking.

Mr. Roosevelt calls for the plane factories of the democracies to outbuild the Nazis. That, presumably, can be done. He says that democratic superiority in the air must be made absolute. That is wishful thinking. It is impossible to outbuild a map, and it is the map that makes Britain an easy target and Germany a difficult target in a bombing war.

The map on the picture page today shows the triple advantages that Germany holds over Britain in this respect—the advantages of distance, of area, and of direction. Each of these tends in a measure to reinforce the other.

Distance is today the greatest of these advantages. The Germans hold Scandinavia, the Low Countries, and France and launch their bombing attacks from airports in those countries. Dover is only 22 miles across the channel. London is only 90 miles away. It is only 125 miles from Cherbourg, France, to Bristol, one of the principal western ports of England; only 175 miles from Belgian airports to Coventry, only 235 miles from the continent to Manchester and the other great British manufacturing centers. Over the southern part of England Nazi fighter planes can accompany and protect bombers.

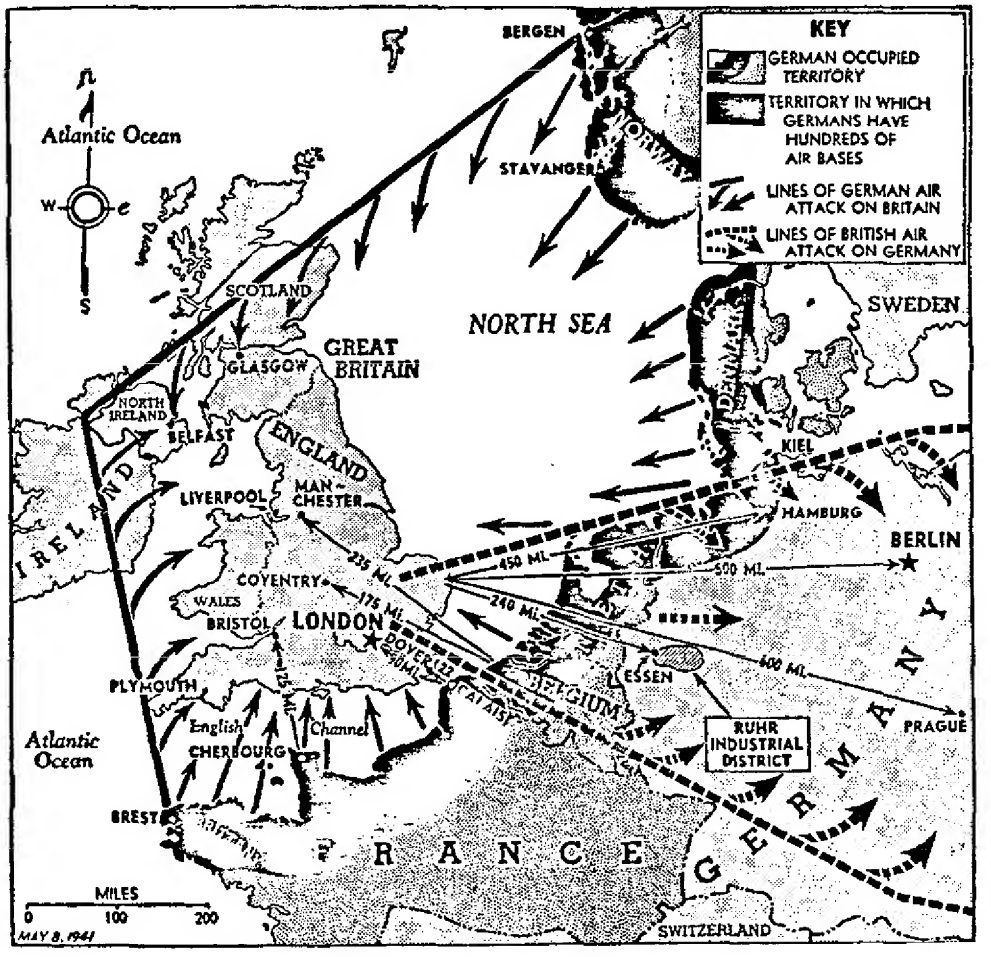
The British, it is true, can strike back at the airports from which these attacks are launched, but that is defensive bombing. To attack Germany they must cross the belt of Nazi held lands of their former allies. Essen and the Ruhr industrial region are 240 miles from the nearest British airports. Nearly half that distance must be flown over occupied territory that the British can bomb only at the cost of injuring their former allies, but from which the Nazis can launch defensive forces against the British bombers. Hamburg and the submarine building yards are 450 miles or more from British soil. Berlin is 500 miles; Prague, center of the seized Czech munitions industry, is 600 miles. No point of attack in Germany is close enough for British fighter planes to escort bombers raiding it, a fact that limits the British to night operations whatever their air strength may be.

The second German advantage is in the matter of airports. Theirs extend from Norway to Brittany. There is a limit to the number of bombers that the British can operate, imposed by the number and size of their airports. The Nazis are under no such handicap within practical limits.

They not only hold more airports, but the fields are arranged in a great half circle with Britain at its center. They can attack from any angle within this semi-circumference and they make their approach over the sea. British attacks on Germany, on the contrary, can depart little from a direct east and west course, flown for the most part over land from which defense measures can be launched. Geography imposes the same handicap on British observation. The Germans can watch a small island easier than the British can detect projected attacks spread over half a continent. On aerial defense the Nazis need guard only a comparatively narrow western gate; the British must man a whole defensive wall.

All the airplane plants in America cannot change the map, and it is the map, even more than any lack of planes, that puts Britain at an incurable disadvantage in bombing warfare. It is an atrocious blunder to attempt to fool the American people in this matter in order to get them into a war the end of which is certain calamity.

DISTANCES IN THE DUEL OF BOMBERS



THIS EDITORIAL SPEAKS FOR ITSELF—AND FOR 100 MILLION LOYAL AMERICANS WHO WANT TO STAY OUT OF FOREIGN WARS. IT DEMONSTRATES A FACT THAT CANNOT BE DENIED BY WISHFUL THINKING.

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Can Hitler Cripple America's Economy

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See what three of America's outstanding economists say:

BERNARD M. BARUCH
RAYMOND MOLEY
GEORGE N. PEEK

TO FIND the answers to the questions which are being asked so frequently these days about Hitler's threat to our economy, the America First Committee presents the views of three men who know as much about that problem as anyone in the country.

A brief biographical sketch of Mr. Baruch will be found on page 4.

Mr. Moley's background is described on page 9.

To see why Mr. Peek is so well qualified to answer those questions, read the brief outline of his record on page 16.

An interview with

BERNARD M. BARUCH

BERNARD M. BARUCH was born in 1870. As the man who directed this country's unprecedented industrial effort of 1917-18, he is singularly well qualified to discuss America's economic relation to the present war.

A member of the New York Stock Exchange, who had dealt with problems of trade and finance all his life, Mr. Baruch was appointed a member of the Advisory Council on National Defense by President Wilson in 1916. He was soon elevated to the post of Chairman of the War Industries Board, where he discharged with great distinction powers which were said to be the greatest ever held by any American. Later he served as Economic Advisor for the American Peace Commission and in 1922 became a member of the President's Agricultural Peace Commission. He is the author of many treatises on various economic subjects.

The statements he makes in the interview published herein are rendered particularly pertinent by the fact that Mr. Baruch is presently a close consultant of President Roosevelt on matters of national defense.

(The following is a reprint of an article by Robert Laffan which appeared in the June 6th issue of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.*)*

U. S. CAN UNDERSELL TOTALITARIANS IN WORLD MARKETS, SAYS BARUCH

Germany Would Be "On Spot" Economically Even If She Won War, He Asserts.

THE UNITED STATES can undersell totalitarian countries in world trade, according to Bernard M. Baruch, formerly chairman of Woodrow Wilson's War Industries Board, now a national defense consultant to the Roosevelt Administration.

In an exclusive interview with The Wall Street Journal, Mr. Baruch pointed out that Germany, not the United States, would be "on the spot" economically if Germany were to win control of the European continent.

"What will she do? Where can she sell her products or those of the countries she has conquered?" the veteran of another all-out war asked the reporter.

The United States market will be cut off from European countries that formerly sold here, according to Mr. Baruch. Under proper economic policy the United States should be able to drive Germany out of any desired neutral market, he believes.

A Program for the U. S.

According to Mr. Baruch this country must:

(1) Maintain a low price structure throughout this war.

(2) Develop quality and economy in mass-production industries.

(3) Build military defenses.

Fears concerning Germany's economic prowess and cheap labor are exaggerated, according to Mr. Baruch.

He cited evidence he had just received from a large American company that owns a factory in a leading industrial city in Germany. (He named the city, but suggested the name be omitted.) The parent American company has received a report from the German factory, Mr. Baruch asserted, that shows conclusively that despite low wages and long hours, with the German mark at 37 cents, the American plant is turning out the same products more cheaply.

"Oh, they can make gimcracks where we don't make them," Mr. Baruch remarked, "but there is no reason why we can't undersell them in important mass-production products provided we maintain a low price structure."

Importance of Low Prices

He stressed the importance of this. A price rise now would have to be liquidated in the post-war period, and that would throw this country off balance and place it in an unfavorable position to wage economic war, he pointed out. But if prices here are held down, Germany will be faced with the huge unemployment and economic problem after the war, he believes.

Won't that mean that Germany will be forced to attack us? Mr. Baruch was asked.

"Let 'em come," he replied. Mr. Baruch emphasized that he is not one of those who have been complacent about Germany over the past many years. Like Winston Churchill, Mr. Baruch can point to the fact that he has been trying to awaken public opinion ever since 1935 to the rise of Nazi military power and to the need for preparedness.

Mr. Baruch's comments followed a discussion of his book, "American Industry in the War," which has just been issued by Prentice Hall, Inc. The book is a reprint of the report of the old War Industries Board, together with Mr. Baruch's own program for total mobilization of the nation as presented to the War Policies Commission in 1931. It also contains material on priorities and price fixing.

An interview with

RAYMOND MOLEY

RAYMOND MOLEY was born in Berea, Ohio in 1886. He has long been a keen observer of national affairs—first as a Professor of Politics, Government and Public Law; later, as a journalist. He has been one of President Roosevelt's closest advisors.

During the World War, Mr. Moley served as Director of Americanization for the Ohio State Council on Defense. In 1933 he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State by President Roosevelt—his special forte being international economics. He left this post to assume the editorship of the magazine "Today". This magazine later merged with "Newsweek", of which Mr. Moley is now Contributing Editor.

The following is reprinted from Mr. Moley's June 9 column of "Newsweek".

WORLD TRADE AND THE FUTURE

BY NOW the military, naval and diplomatic implications of President Roosevelt's fireside speech have been pretty thoroughly thrashed over. He has, by subsequent statements and acts, clarified much of what he said then. So it is unnecessary to pursue those aspects here. But there were economic implications in the President's statement of policy that will prove to be of almost equal importance in the long run. What he said about international economic questions, taken in connection with Mr. Hull's speech a week before, merits the keenest examination.

In much of the discussion on both sides of the debate on how far we should move into the orbit of war, there is a common economic assumption. It seems to be taken for granted that it is possible, through a military decision, to restore nineteenth-century methods of international trade if Britain wins, or, if Germany wins, to destroy those methods as we have known them in the past and to substitute an entirely new worldwide system of exchanging goods among nations.

YET it ought to be remembered that, war or no war—even without the interposition of the World War, in fact—economic developments were taking place throughout the world which pointed to a permanently changed world trade.

This has never been described so well as in Mr. Graeme K. Howard's book, "America and a New World Order." Mr. Howard's rare competence to speak on this subject lies in the fact that he is not a mere theoretical economist or a diplomat or a politician. He is vice president of the General Motors Corporation in charge of overseas operations, and his experience has been that of a man who has actually been engaged in selling goods abroad. He says: "In the new century, in spite of the fact that markets have grown and that new inventions, such as the automobile and the airplane, have infused new vigor into world economy, the rate of market expansion has declined . . . Unless domestic economies everywhere are again made to function as they once did, we will find the twentieth century barren of the remarkable growth in trade which was characteristic of the nineteenth."

There have been times when the Administration has proceeded on the basis of this belief. There have been others when the Administration has adhered to this theory's exact opposite. The strange duality of economic policy with which the fabric of New Deal history is shot needs no detailed analysis here. In the oil business, for instance, agreements to limit production and dispose of surpluses—agreements encouraged by some sectors of government—have been attacked by other sectors of government as combinations in restraint of trade. Or, to take another example, we are boosting the price of cotton by artificial means, thus encouraging competitive foreign production, at the same moment that we

insist upon talking about increasing our exports of cotton.

THE success of the United States in world competition after this war will largely depend upon the power, resourcefulness and productiveness of its own economy. Of course we cannot compete if that economy is plagued by disunion, hamstrung by fundamental inconsistencies, living beyond its means, dissipating its substance for nonproductive purposes. Nor can we afford to make the mistake of attempting to repeat the imperialistic course of the British Empire in the past century. The creation of that kind of empire is a thing of the past. We should find it impossible, as Germany, Japan or any joint effort of Germany and Japan will find it impossible.

The world is moving in the direction of self-dependent states and self-dependent blocs of states, eager to produce what they consume and intent upon an economy that will, through inventive genius, devise substitutes for the materials supplied by foreign producers. In this very fact lies a direct economic answer to the German threat. Because whatever may be the intention of the military and political masters of Germany, the kind of economy that the Germans have developed is in itself an answer to and a defeat for its pretentions as an imperialistic system. That is the ironic truth that Germany will sometime have to face. And if it has any intelligence left, it will face it soon, before the lust for empire gets too strong.

It was a corollary of the haphazard free-enterprise theory of trade that some, though not all, wars were fought in pursuit of trade advantages. It is possible that there was just enough color in the theory of the military pursuit of foreign markets to lend widespread credence to the Marxian thesis that capitalism was a breeder of wars.

If that thesis of Marx cannot be refuted by cold facts and by internationally directed intelligence, the future of the world is dark indeed. If the choice we of the twentieth century face is a choice between militarily controlled trade and the boggling free-enterprise kind of trade—both of which ultimately run themselves into the ground—then Communism may be destined to inherit the earth, with all the evil that would follow in its wake. If we cannot carry on trade without fighting wars over and over—wars which, in most instances, bring to the conqueror the hatred not only of the enemy, but the hatred of those who are allegedly being helped—then there is no prospect but retrogression before the human race.

All this has a very special bearing upon the economic future of this hemisphere and upon our relations with the countries to the south of us. The attitude of this Administration with respect to Latin America has been admirable in its restraint, in its courtesy and in its constant emphasis upon a spirit of mutual help. It has not limited itself to mere conversational hoopla, but has made sincere efforts to lay the foundations for sound political relationships with the Latin-

American nations. Still there is a tendency to blur over the hard fact that lasting relations cannot be established on any basis that would keep these countries as permanent producers of raw materials only. Without industrialization they cannot develop the means of economic self-defense. They will lack even the means of effective cooperation in hemisphere defense. And, unless they are industrialized, we, in turn, cannot escape the ultimately disastrous role of a dominant industrial nation penetrating the markets of these countries solely for the purpose of supplying them with consumers' goods.

THE military as well as the economic defense of the other countries in this hemisphere can succeed only if those countries are able to sustain, in and of themselves, a considerable proportion of their energy and of their material means for that defense. That will mean close and active military alliances with us. It will mean the joint occupation of military and naval bases. It will mean a clear definition of the extent to which nations alien to this hemisphere will be permitted to penetrate any of these countries.

Thus mobilized, the Western Hemisphere could contemplate the localization of the Nazi movement in Europe alone with vastly less trepidation. As the President pointed out in his speech, the farther the Nazi power spreads itself over Europe, Asia and Africa, the greater the danger to itself and the more certain that the whole structure will ultimately break up into little bits.

An interview with

GEORGE N. PEEK

GEORGE N. PEEK *was born in Polo, Illinois, in 1873. All his life he has been intimately connected with farm problems, and especially with their relation to America's foreign trade.*

In 1933 he was appointed Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and during 1934-35 he filled the post of Special Advisor to President Roosevelt on foreign trade. During this same period he was President of the Government Export-Import Banks.

Thus, Mr. Peek speaks as a man whose life has been devoted to those very problems whose solution means so much to America today. His opinion is an expert one. His facts come not only from the most accurate sources available to the government, but also from his own vast knowledge and experience.

QUESTION:

Can Hitler impoverish America? Can he cause an economic collapse in this country by stifling our foreign trade, cutting off our markets, and denying us access to the vital materials we need? Can his slave labor, his barter system, his goldless economy invade us where his panzer divisions cannot? Assertions that Hitler could do those things are made by the war interventionists, including Mr. Wendell Willkie, in a recent statement.* What do you think of those assertions in general?

*"Americans, Don't Be Afraid!" *Collier's*, May 10, 1941.

ANSWER:

HITLER cannot impoverish America by stifling our foreign trade, by cutting off either our markets or our sources of supply of vital materials. To assume that he can is a counsel of unreasoning defeatism. But America can impoverish herself by spending her substance on foreign wars.

One of the presumably convincing arguments put forth by many well-meaning people, as well as by the interventionists, is that although a victorious Germany might find it impossible to invade this country, she could destroy our world trade and force us to trade according to her wishes and on her own terms.

Now comes Mr. Willkie citing this argument as part of the interventionist campaign to take this country into war. He does not advance a

single reason why his views should be taken seriously on account of any special knowledge or experience in the field of trade—foreign or domestic. He advances no new points. Rather, he seems to appear as just another advocate, this time on economic grounds, of the interventionists' campaign—a campaign to involve our country in a foreign war. In this campaign, too, his assertions may be regarded as "campaign oratory."

The arguments of one, however, are the arguments of all. They stem from the self-interests of a few. They are built on a false theory of trade. Therefore, their case will not stand up before a jury of American informed opinion.

QUESTION:

Your statement may be perfectly true, but I think it must be substantiated. You say that the argumenis of the war interventionists are based on a false theory of trade. Now if Hitler were to control a large part of the rest of the world, would he not be in a position to dictate terms to us? Why is that a false theory of trade?

ANSWER:

MY REPLY to their argument has been that we hold the answer largely in our own hands. The same argument could be advanced with respect to Great Britain or other nations. My reply would be the same. Competition is the life of trade and is always a threat in private business, no matter from whom it comes. So it is with nations.

Political control is one thing—economic necessity quite another. Now let us get this straight. There is no difference in principle between foreign and domestic trade, except as restrictions have been imposed upon the entry of goods and the transfer of funds between countries. The war interventionists' theory is that one party to a transaction could dictate all the terms and conditions of the trade between two or more parties. How false! Every man, woman, and child knows better if he will think but for a moment. It takes two parties to complete a trade. The necessities and the desires of each are basic. To assume that one may dictate all the terms and conditions is assuming something which is not so. Therefore, their case rests on a false premise and should be dismissed. As to Hitler's ability to dictate terms of trade to us in the event of a victory—no—that is where economic necessity comes into play. For example:

In 1933 and 1934 we demonstrated that we could trade with other nations to our mutual advantage. Indeed, we made some desirable deals—mutually agreeable ones with France, Spain and Italy—but the Administration refused to continue to trade. The reason given was that to do so would interfere with our trade agreement policy, which was one of international altruism toward every country in the world save one. The real reason, however, was more obscure. In the case of Germany, notwithstanding that her two great necessities were under-

stood to be easier access to raw materials and larger markets for her manufactured products, we denied her both, beginning as far back as 1934. The reasons were social and political. Vice President Wallace now says (Address, Foreign Policy Association, April 8, 1941) "The next peace must give the . . . aggressor nations the opportunity to buy raw materials and sell manufactured goods without discrimination." If the President, Mr. Hull, Mr. Wallace, and the other New Dealers had recognized Germany's legitimate necessities in 1934 and since, instead of declining to trade with her, they might have made a real contribution toward world peace and might have checked the rapid rise of Naziism and thus avoided the danger of American participation in this war.

Desirable opportunities to trade were rejected, also, for one reason or another, with England, Japan, Italy, and other nations. In 1939 we revised this position somewhat when we made an agreement with England to exchange cotton for rubber. No change in basic policy, however, is indicated by this isolated incident, as the President made clear in his message to Congress last January.

QUESTION:

Accepting your statement that it takes two parties to make a trade, what advantages would we have to use against Germany's increased bargaining power? You have shown that grave errors were made and it would have been possible to make desirable trades. But under

German control of Europe and other areas, won't the conditions be so different that former rules will not apply?

ANSWER:

FIRST and foremost in importance is our great market. We have the greatest consuming power in the world. Our purchases from foreign countries support a large part of the economy of many of them. For example:

Latin America produces 90 percent of all the coffee—we consume half of it. Europe, too, depends upon Latin America for her supply—about the same quantity as ours—although she has four times our population.

The Malay States, the Dutch East Indies, and small neighboring countries produce nearly 95 percent of the rubber and, including China, 60 percent of the tin. We use half of the rubber and 40 percent of the world's production of tin.

Japan produces nearly 90 percent of the silk —we buy 90 percent of her exports.

These are examples of the dependency of foreign nations upon our market. Others may be cited, i. e., jute from India, diamonds and gold from South Africa, tea from southeastern Asia, etc.

The economy of such nations does not shift with the flag of the overlord. It relies upon our markets. It does not change with super-political control.

A careful canvass of the world's mineral production discloses that the non-American nations of the world are more dependent upon the western hemisphere than it is dependent upon them.

As an example of the dependency of other countries upon our markets, let us consider a few items:

In the case of rubber, in 1929 we imported 528,602 tons at an average price of 20.5¢ per pound; we paid foreign countries for it $247,420,000. By 1932 our imports had dropped to 393,731 tons and the price to 3.4¢; we paid $34,273,000. By 1937 we had increased our imports to 592,528 tons, and the price had risen to 19.4¢—a total of $252,859,000. The last two years show a greatly increased tonnage on account of our policy of storing up rubber.

In the case of tin, the story is similar. In 1929 we imported 195,165,000 pounds at 45.19¢, or $31,839,000. In 1932 we imported 77,995,000 pounds at 22.01¢, or $16,474,000. In 1937 our imports amounted to 197,377,000 pounds at 54.24¢, or $104,285,000.

This merely shows the necessity and desirability of an active American market for the products of foreign lands.

Then comes the question of technological development and the use of substitutes. Great progress has been made in this field in recent years.

The development of synthetic rubber has progressed to a point where we may say that,

if necessary, we are no longer dependent upon the eastern hemisphere. Within a very few years we could produce our own rubber, as Germany has done. A number of our most important concerns are active in this field.

The same thing may be said of silk—witness the great development of rayon, and now nylon.

We are now preparing to smelt a considerable portion of our tin requirements in the United States from ore coming from Latin America. In addition, important substitutes have been developed from plastics and other materials, replacing tin.

This hemisphere can supply our manganese and potash—the former through the development of machinery and processes of refining low grade ores here and in Cuba, and the latter through the development of our own mines.

These are examples only. There is great progress in other fields.

Trade is a fleeting thing. Conditions and methods change, demand and sources of supply with them. For example, we have seen England abandon the practice of a century as the leading advocate of free trade and the gold standard, and for a decade follow a new policy of tariffs, trade agreements between nations, and managed currency. I do not say that this is or is not the best way to conduct trade between nations, but the point is that that is the way world trade has been trending for more than a decade. We are the only important nation attempting to ignore this fact.

My view is that we must recognize the fact that we cannot prescribe the rules and regulations for all the world. Rather, if we are going to engage in trade with other nations, we should use our strategic advantages to negotiate country by country in our own interest.

We should, of course, keep ourselves in a position to join with other nations in improving methods of trading if and when the time comes that the rest of the world is ready to consider a change. But, in the meantime, we should refrain from playing Santa Claus and from opening our markets recklessly to nearly all the world and so exposing our national economy to influences from abroad over which we have no control. Our need is for *more* defense of our internal economy—not less. We must stop letting foreign prices determine our domestic prices.

QUESTION:

What do you mean by foreign prices determining domestic prices?

ANSWER:

WORLD price very largely determines the domestic price of every crop of which we export a surplus. This price applies to the whole of the crop, whether consumed at home or exported, however much this burden is lessened by Government handouts. Industrial tariffs can and do protect prices of articles for which crop is exchanged. The fair exchange value of the crop is thus reduced in proportion to the protection afforded industry. Therefore, the protective principle usually operates for the benefit of industry and to the detriment of agriculture.

This problem is as old as our history. Alexander Hamilton recognized it and in his famous "Report on Manufactures", written in 1790, after urging a policy of tariff protection for industry, observed that the day might come when it would be necessary to give agriculture an equivalent. He proposed at some future time to offset by subsidy or otherwise the farmer's disadvantage of having to buy in a protected market while having to sell in an unprotected world market at world prices.

Notwithstanding the millions and billions that have been appropriated for agriculture in the last few years, the basic fault remains—while we pay our farmers not to produce, we encourage foreign farmers to produce, not only for foreign markets which we formerly supplied, but for our markets, by making it easier to import. Such a policy cannot be permanent. Its duration will be immeasurably shortened by the vast expenditures we must make for our national defense program.

QUESTION:

If Germany, producing with slave labor, can offer better prices to South America, how could we be able to compete?

ANSWER:

THAT is a trick question. It must be remembered that Germany, and England, too, had a substantial representation in South America

before the war in 1914. There is nothing new about competition with them except in degree. There are many considerations besides price. Design and adaptability of products to do the work desired; terms, delivery dates; personal equation between buyer and seller and numerous other things. Frequently we hear the phrase, "Quality is remembered long after price is forgotten." If price were the sole measuring stick the manufacturer with the lowest price would be selling all the goods, be they automobiles or what. Competition would die, monopoly would succeed it and higher prices might then result.

The answer lies in mutuality of interest between countries so long as governments control the foreign trade of their nationals. Under these circumstances there is only one intelligent procedure and that is to recognize the conditions under which trade is conducted between nations and negotiate country by country for the terms and conditions under which goods may be exchanged satisfactorily. Each country must recognize frankly the needs of the other.

Other things being equal free labor can outproduce slave labor. We made our greatest progress after we abolished slavery—slave labor produces little buying power. We must keep in mind always that American wage levels support our higher American standards of living. They protect the American workers on our farms and in our factories against the lower standards not only of the forced labor of the Axis Powers and Russia but of the lower paid labor of the Argentine Indian and the Chinese Coolie and the cheaper labor everywhere outside the United States of America. The difference is one only of degree. Our wage levels must be insulated against the competition of a world turned upside down.

Perhaps this is not a complete answer but it is difficult to give a complete answer to a trick question.

QUESTION:

In the early part of this interview you referred to the arguments of the war interventionists as stemming from the self-interest of a few. To whom did you refer?

ANSWER:

IN THE FIRST place I referred to the approximately 20% shown by the Gallup poll of the people constituting the interventionists. More specifically I referred to those who profit from international trade—the international bankers, ocean transportation companies, marine insurance companies, importers, et cetera—as distinguished from the industrialists who do some foreign business incidental to their domestic business. All of the latter group must realize that if compelled to choose between a prosperous American market and one periodically shot to pieces by foreign events, they must choose the American markets.

Many Americans will recall that Mr. James P. Warburg of New York wrote two books in

1936 opposing President Roosevelt's reelection. He supported Alfred Landon, but after Governor Landon made his St. Paul speech in which he took a stand for protection of the American market and for real Yankee trading, Mr. Warburg wrote a letter to Secretary Hull saying that in view of Mr. Landon's position he would have to support the Democratic ticket. He is now one of our leading interventionists. This is queer company for the New Dealers who were going to drive the money changers from the temple.

QUESTION:

Can you sum up in a few words what you think our policy should be and what the question boils down to?

ANSWER:

I THINK that all our foreign policies—political and economic—should be related definitely to our American needs and ideals, with the objective of protecting and perpetuating the form of government and the economic policies which have made our country great. Our aim should be to make possible to all Americans the fullest benefits of our form of government as granted by our Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The first requisite to this aim is knowledge based on reliable and comprehensive information, so that we may know what the problems are and consider them fairly. The second is a realization of the principle that foreign policies—whether political or economic—must

not be permitted to destroy or impair either our form of government or our standards of living.

The question boils down to this: Shall we take advantage of our position of geographic and economic security and contribute to world peace and prosperity by developing our own country and by attending to our own affairs, or shall we toss our nation into a common pool in the management of which ours will be only one voice and that not the controlling one? Shall we dilute our nation's strength with the world's weakness?

Added Note

AFTER the preceding interview was completed, the President and Secretary Hull again reiterated their views. The President stated, ". . . International commerce in a world dominated by totalitarianism would never be carried on for the mutual benefit of all . . . Therefore, it is idle for us to talk of future foreign trade unless we are prepared now to defend the principles upon which it is and must be based." This statement is on a par with his grandiose utterance about our enforcing the "four freedoms everywhere in the world."

Secretary Hull sets up five peace points:

1. "Extreme nationalism must not again be permitted to express itself in excessive trade restrictions.
2. "Nondiscrimination in international commercial relations must be the rule, so that international trade may grow and prosper.
3. "Raw material supplies must be available to all nations without discrimination.
4. "International agreements regulating the supply of commodities must be so handled as to protect fully the interests of the consuming countries and their people.
5. "The Institutions and arrangements of international finance must be so set up that they lend aid to the essential enterprises and the continual development of all countries, and permit payment through processes of trade consonant with the welfare of all countries."

If the President's statement and the Secretary's five points mean anything, they mean world free trade, with the United States acting as underwriter and director general even if such fanaticism drags us into war. G. N. P.

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"It is for peace that I have labored; and it is for peace that I shall labor all the days of my life."

Philadelphia, Oct. 23, 1940.

The First Purpose of Our Foreign Policy Is to Keep Out of War.

"We look at the old world of Europe today. It is an ugly world, poisoned by hatred, and greed and fear. We can see what has been the inevitable consequence of that poison—it has been war.

"And we look at this country, built by generations of peaceable, friendly men and women who had in their hearts faith—faith that the good life can be obtained by those who work for it.

"We know that we are determined to defend our country and with our neighbors to defend this hemisphere. We are strong in our defense.

"*The first purpose of our foreign policy is to keep our country out of war.*"

Your Boys Are Not Going to Be Sent Into Any Foreign Wars.

"And while I am talking to you, *fathers* and *mothers,* I give you one more assurance. *I have said this before,* but I shall say it *again,* and *again,* and *again, your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars.*

"They are going into training to form a force so strong that, by its very existence, it will keep the threat of war far away from our shores. Yes, the purpose of our defense is defense."

Boston, Oct. 30, 1940.

Ships Flying the American Flag Must Stay Out of the War Zones.

"In 1935 in the face of growing dangers throughout the world, your government undertook to eliminate the hazards which in the past had led to war. *We made it clear that ships flying the American flag could not carry munitions to a belligerent; and that they must stay out of war zones.*"

New York City, Oct. 28, 1940.

I Am Fighting to Keep Out of Foreign Wars.

"I am fighting to keep this nation prosperous and at peace. I am fighting to keep our people out of foreign wars and to keep foreign conceptions of government out of our own United States."

Brooklyn, Nov. 1, 1940.

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A SHAMELESS DISHONEST FAKE

"In and out of Congress we have heard orators and commentators and others beating their breasts and proclaiming against sending the boys of American mothers to fight on the battlefields of Europe. That, I do not hesitate to label as one of the worst fakes in current history. It is a deliberate setting up of an imaginary bogeyman. The simple truth is that no person in any responsible place in the national administration in Washington, or in any state government, or in any city government, has ever suggested in any shape, manner or form the remotest possibility of sending the boys of American mothers to fight on the battlefield of Europe. That is why I label that argument a shameless dishonest fake."

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

At the New York Herald-Tribune Forum, Prior to the 1940 Election

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DANGEROUS AMBITION

Mr. Roosevelt's dangerous ambition always to do what no other President ever did led him to meet Mr. Churchill at sea. As head of a nation at peace he had no right to discuss war aims with the ruler of a country at war. He had no regard for his constitutional duties or his oath of office when he did so. He not only likes to shatter traditions, he likes to shatter the checks and restraints which were put on his office. He is thoroly un-American. His ancestry is constantly emerging. He is the true descendant of that James Roosevelt, his great-grandfather who was a Tory in New York during the Revolution and took the oath of allegiance to the British king. He comes of a stock that has never fought for the country and he now betrays it. The spectacle was one of two autocratic rulers, one of them determining the destiny of his country in the matter of war or peace absolutely in his own will, as if his subjects were without voice.

The country rejects that idea of its government.

(From: Chicago Tribune).

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(Excerpts from speech by John T. Flynn to League of Women Voters, Carnegie Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 28, 1941)

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On October 23rd, before the election, at Philadelphia the President said: "We will not participate in foreign wars and will not send our army, naval or air forces to fight in foreign lands outside the Americas except in case of attack." On October 30th, four days before the election, he said: "And while I am talking to you, fathers and mothers, I give you one more assurance. I have said this before and I shall say it again and again and again. Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars."

I wonder if these men who talk about pushing us into "war" ever pause to realize what this terrible thing called "war" means. Let me tell you what war will do for us. The flags will fly, the national anthems will ring out, the boys in their new uniforms will march down our bright avenues. The Big Shots of the nation and the towns, the politicians and the generals will be in the reviewing stands, exhibiting themselves, wallowing in the acclaim of the troops and the cheers of the people. But the Big Shots, the politicians and the generals will not die. The dying will be done by the boys who parade. And they will die, not in the bright avenues, but in the fog and smoke of battle, in the stench, the filth, the terrors and the obscenities of the fight upon distant fields in Europe and Asia.

Millions of these boys will be taken from their classrooms, their professions, their work benches in the dawn of their young careers. A hundred thousand of them will die—if we are lucky. More likely a half million will die. A million may be wounded and a vast, melancholy legion of them will live out long, tortured, frustrated lives in veterans' hospitals, armless, legless, crippled, twisted or suffocated by gas, blinded or shell-shocked—or insane. This is what the war will do to the young men. The Big Shots, the politicians, the generals will still preen themselves, run for office and some of them expect statues when they die of old age in bed.

Every man and woman and child, one way or another, sooner or later, will have to pay the incalculable costs of this mad adventure. We will spend a hundred billion dollars—and borrow it—on top of the billions we still owe for the last war and the billions we still owe for the depression.

Taxes will consume your earnings and cripple your business. Vast government loans will impose a paralyzing interest charge of from three to four billions a year —and forever. A gigantic pension system for the new veterans will be reared on top of the veterans' aid burdens of the last war. The prospect of certain inflation will bring all private investment to a stop and end by sweeping away the accumulations of every man's industry and savings.

A great army of bureaucrats will help to manage every man's affairs. They will swarm over your banks, your shops, your stores. They will tell you what materials to use and for what, where to buy them and at what price. They will tell you what you can make, where you can sell it and for what. You will spend half your time seeking permits, getting visas, answering questions, making reports and satisfying the thousand and one demands of the supervisors. They will tax you until your profits vanish, if any remain, they will squeeze them out of you in the form of forced loans.

The gains of labor, the long, painfully acquired right of the worker in his job and his union will be swept away. His labor problems will be settled for him by a man in uniform. And when the war is over these armies of bureaucrats will never be demobilized. And neither will the armies of soldiers. We will have struck down the present economic system with a death blow and these millions of soldiers and civil servants on the public payroll will have become an economic necessity in a society in which private enterprise is dead is dying. The apologists for all this will tell you that this is a "new order". But it will be nothing more than the twilight of American freedom.

Propaganda for war will conscript our minds. The radios, the papers, the movies and the pulpits will be mobilized, coerced and controlled to teach us when to hate and how to hate with effective energy and whom to hate. We will be urged to spy upon our neighbors, to watch one another with suspicion. Our racial groups living side by side in peace will be torn asunder by old racial hatreds. Our telephones will be tapped, our mail opened, freedom of speech and those other freedoms we talk about bringing to the rest of the world and

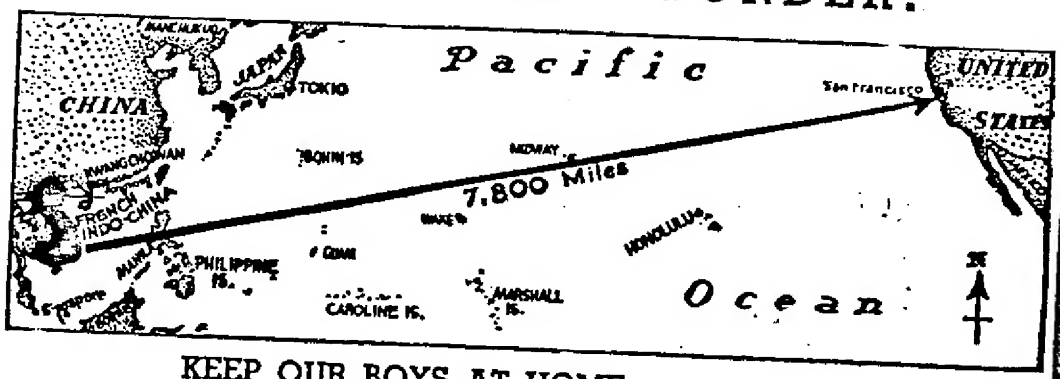


all the decencies and dignities of human tolerance which are the very soul of the democratic life will be snuffed out.

And when the war is over and the terrible bills come due and the illusions have fallen from our eyes, we will look around for some scapegoats. And then true Americans, as they behold the reign of intolerance that will degrade us, remembering fairer days, will hang their heads in shame. Our economic system will be broken. Our financial burdens will be insupportable. The great war boom will have burst. The streets will be filled with idle men and women. And the once independent farmer will become a government charge. Our tempers will be frayed. And amidst these disorders we will have the perfect climate for some promising Hitler on the American model to rise to power with promises of abundance and recovery. The peace, the security, the liberties of a whole generation will be destroyed. And we, who set out once again on a fool's errand to remodel the world and bring democracy to peoples who do not want it, especially at our hands, and to save the crumbling fragments of democracy in other lands, will see it pass out of our own country. This is what you are talking about when you talk so glibly about that terrible thing "war".

Therefore I urge you not to cease to fight and to write your senators and congressmen and to make them know that they will take the next step toward war at the peril of their political lives.

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Should America Fight to Make Europe Safe for Communism?

Herbert Hoover: "It (the Russo-German War) is one-half a dozen more reasons for the United States to stay out of the European war, and, secondly, it greatly releases the pressure on the British."

Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Jr.: "Some interventionists have tried to smear with communism those of us who believe our best interests will be served by keeping out of war. Now the shoe is on the other foot! In the next few weeks the American people will witness the greatest whitewash act in all history. They will be told to forget the purges in Russia by the OGPU, the confiscation of property, the persecution of religion, the invasion of Finland, and the vulture role Stalin played in seizing half of prostrate Poland, all of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania. These will be made to seem the acts of a 'democracy' preparing to fight Nazism. The interventionists will scream that now is the time for us to go to war. Will the American people fall for all this? I do not believe it. They will refuse to let Uncle Sam be 'a fellow traveler.'"

General Robert E. Wood: "With the ruthless forces of dictatorship and aggression now clearly aligned on both sides, the proper course for the United States becomes even clearer. This latest development gives dramatic emphasis to the obvious proposition that there can never be a place for the United States in Europe's everlasting strife, and its shifting alliances and enmities."

Senator Burton K. Wheeler: "I don't think the American people will stand for us to tie up with the Communists. I think there is more likelihood now that we can keep American soldiers at home. Now we can just let Joe Stalin and the other dictators fight it out."

American Legion Commander Milo J. Warner says: . . . the United States "should think twice" before sending war material to Russia. "Russia has been and so far as I know still is the breeding ground of Communists, and we just don't like Communists in this country."

Senator Robert A. Taft: "If, thru our aid, Stalin is retained in power, do you suppose that he will spread the four freedoms thru Finland and Estonia and Latvia and Lithuania? Do you suppose anybody in Russia itself will ever hear of the four freedoms? Apparently we are to follow Bundles for Britain with Packages for Petrograd.

Norman Thomas: "The lion has now turned on the jackal and marches Finnish troops against the dictator who assayed the conquest of Finland. We shall watch with interest to see how fast American Communists and the organizations which they control or influence will become propagandists for American entry into the war on the side of those 'Great democracies,' Stalin's dictatorship and the British Empire. We, whose concern has been to keep America out of war in order to make our own democracy work and whose interest is in peace and not in Stalin, see in the tangled course of events new reason for maintaining the fight to keep America out of war."

Senator Bennett Champ Clark: "Can any one conceive of American boys being sent to their deaths singing 'Onward Christian Soldiers' under the bloody banner of the hammer and sickle, the emblem of the cruel extirpation of all religion?"

John T. Flynn: "If Germany wins, Russia will go Fascist. If Russia defeats Germany, Germany will go Communist. There is no choice for us at all. The question now is, are we going to fight to make Europe safe for communism?"

Let's Keep Out of Europe's Eternal Wars!

WHY THIS WAR

It was in 1791 that full rights of citizenship were granted to the Jews in France. This was the first legislation to relieve the Jewish race from inferior recognition. Before this date they had no rights of citizenship and were not permitted to hold political office in any European country.

In Germany legislation was passed in 1812 granting citizenship to the Jews, but it was not until 1848 that emancipation for the Jews was really established.

In England pressure for the emancipation of the Jew attained prominence in 1830 and in 1858 the first Jew was permitted a seat in the House of Commons.

In Austria the fight for Jewish equality started in 1848 and succeeded in 1867. In Hungary from 1840 to 1849, Denmark 1831 to 1849, Italy 1848 to 1859. In Belgium the Jews were liberated in 1815. The Constitution of the United States in 1787 made no distinction as to the rights of Jews but some of the thirteen Original States had laws restricting Jews as political office holders. The last of these, North Carolina, did not fully recind this law until 1868.

The Jewish race, which is estimated to include about 18,000,000 people, is spread throughout the world, the largest number living in the United States which has a Jewish population of about 8 to 10 million. Russia had a Jewish population of about 7 million a generation ago but since then several million have emigrated to the United States. Since the spread of Communism with which they are prominently associated, large numbers came here from other European countries.

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Ever since the advent of Naziism and Fascism it has been increasingly difficult for communistic Jews to live in Europe. They are harassed and driven out of political positions and big business. Many have had their fortunes confiscated and their rights as citizens cancelled. Naziism and Fascism have spread to a number of countries and wherever these doctrines exist, the Jewish people are being deprived of their rights as citizens. So it seems that the European Jew is being thrown back to the days before 1791 when their emancipation first got foothold.

It is of course, natural that Jews the world over shall band together to destroy the isms that are so relentlessly against them and to use their powerful influence wherever possible to destroy the forces that seek to take away the freedom they have enjoyed in the past hundred years.

According to German claims, Jews are being harassed because of the control they achieved in government politics, the law courts and in general economics. Also because of their promotion of the communistic elements in that country.

Ever since their emancipation, the Jews in Germany have grown in power. Before the world war there were approximately six hundred thousand in Germany, about one per cent of the population. They were well thought of and under the Kaiser, shared in the development of the German Reich. However, after the world war and especially later, when the Germans were in the throes of tremendous financial and political difficulties, they took undue advantage of the German people to such extent that they finally had political, financial and economic control over them.

The Jews became obnoxious to the Germans and were despised everywhere. This situation culminated in the creation of the Nazi party which took strong measures to expel the Jews from political office as well as from the law courts, educational institutions and big business.

The anti-Jewish feeling spread to other countries in Europe and a great many Jews came to the United States where the powerful Jewish element put terrific pressure on the government to use all of its resources in an attempt to destroy those European factions that are against them.

Ever since 1932 an anti-German attitude has been promoted in the United States with ever increasing viciousness. Our highest government officials have preached vengeance on the Germans and have vilified them. Only lately a prominent Senator, in a vehement outburst, delivered over the radio, said among other things, that the Germans were under orders to use their unmarried young women to produce cannon fodder for the Nazi's. He also made the villianous statement that the Germans are denouncing God.

A universal boycott of German goods and drastic restrictions of trade were the immediate weapons. A destructive war on Germany was however the ultimate goal and this they achieved by propaganda in England, France and the United States, when England declared war because the German people in their ambitions to correct the wrongs of the Versailles Treaty sought to join the City of Danzig with the German Reich.

For great nations to go to war over a matter so trivial seems absolutely silly. That incident was however only an excuse for the Jewish propaganda machine which expounded the Germans to be

a frightful people and aggressors whose aim it is to dominate the world. During the Danzig incident and before war was declared by England, Jewish propaganda had so incited the Polish people against the Germans that a peaceful settlement became an impossibility. Through intensive propaganda instilling fear in the minds of people, that the Germans were out to conquer the world, Jewish interests were finally successful in having war declared on Germany.

Since this war has progressed the Germans, although with successive victories to their credit, have made several peace overtures to stop this terrible carnage. It is reasonable to think that with the military power and economic resources of the United States in the back ground, satisfactory peace terms could be made with Germany. But evidently the Jewish demand for total destruction of Germany is so strong that the war must go on regardless, - even if it means the destruction of Europe and ultimately leads to our own economic disaster.

Although the Axis powers have refrained from any action that could give this country the least provocation to warrant its entry into the war, our government has now occupied an independent European Island which is in the midst of the British-German war zone, and dares Germans to interfere with, or sink, any United States ship in that war zone.

It is unfortunate for this country of Washington and Lincoln that the Rosenmans and the Ben Cohens are the sought for advisers and collaborators of our highest government officials and that these men and others of their race who now occupy the most important and influential positions in our government, should at this time guide our destinies.

It must be plain to everyone that people of the Jewish race cannot be impartial in this world conflict. They should and they must defend themselves and do all they possibly can to correct that which seeks to take away their liberty. It is unfortunate however that this must be done by force of arms, and that the world must go to war on their account. Seems that we are back in the centuries before Christ when in that small world there were constant wars over the Jews who were even then alternately in subjection and free.

In these enlightened times one would think that the internal difficulties of one nation could be adjusted without the whole world going to war in an attempt to destroy that nation. We should know by now that international vengeance cannot succeed in correcting an unwelcome national situation. The experience of the effect of the Versailles Treaty should have taught us that an intelligent and progressive nation cannot be held in subjection by force.

The Jewish people in Continental Europe have received a serious setback but they can again achieve their rightful place there when the present feeling against them subsides in a natural way. A war bred of vengeance will not save the situation - it will only make it worse.

Bibliography,
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

August 30, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Re: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE,
Chicago, Illinois

Reference is made to a telephone call received July 18, 1941 from MR. KRAMER of the Bureau advising that [redacted] had received a letter from [redacted] to the effect that he, [redacted] had information that the America First Committee of Chicago was making a canvass of families who have members in the armed forces and urging them to write these individuals to advise them not to leave the United States unless it was approved by Congress. Further that the AmericaFirst Committee is also circularizing the wives of soldiers urging them to write to Congressmen requesting the immediate release from the Army of their husbands.

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MR. KRAMER stated that [redacted]

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MR. KRAMER requested that immediate contact with [redacted] be had to secure from him any other information concerning the above matter.

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An effort was made to contact [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that they were very emphatic in pointing out that the Committee is interested only in any activities which may keep America out of war and that they are very definitely in favor of the national defense program. These individuals stated to [redacted] that under no circumstances, would they allow any literature or letters be sent out to Draftees, their wives, or families which would in any way be detrimental to their morale. They advised that the literature and letters which they are sending out are copies of speeches made by such men as Senator Wheeler and MR. CHARLES A. LINDBERGH as well as from the America First Committee urging people to write their Congressmen to oppose any Bills which they feel might lead the country into active war.

The America First Committee is also urging people to write the President of the United States to remind him of his pleadings to keep this country out of the European conflict.

[redacted] stated that if any attempt were made by persons affiliated with the Committee to send out any letters or literature to Draftees, that the entire Committee would rise up against such a movement and if necessary would disband completely. [redacted] further stated that in the event this country should enter the war, the America First Committee would be immediately disbanded.

[redacted] he was thoroughly convinced that the Committee, at least in Chicago, was sincere in all the above statements.

Efforts have been made through Confidential Informants of the Chicago office working on Communist activities to secure any further information in the above matter with negative results.

Director 8/30/41

There is apparently no grounds to believe that the Communist Party is taking part or instigating any such activity on the part of the America First Committee.

Very truly yours,

A. H. JOHNSON
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir America is facing a great danger worse than War. "Revolution against they Jews" American First Committee all members mostly Germans are collecting money all over the Country. The have tried to get some of the "House members to join them. The Have sons in the Army sending them Home if not are the movements of the Army. one man his Son is in "Virginia. I dont know but he comes from "Jackson Heights "Bespe" his brother collect she got $2.5 - in one night all the German here even American [illegible] for Hitler. I hear a child age 7. [illegible] "Lindbergh" "Ford" is a good man. But the American [illegible] just [illegible] to understand him. they are [illegible] not trained to hate like the "Foreign Born" they will ruin this Country with their Hatred. America is too easy take them up before it too late. they intend to shoot all the Jews in America may God protect America they are mad at the "President" he tries to help (Russia a mad man) let america keep out of Europen affairs and See America England did her best [illegible] last years ago. Read English History thank you

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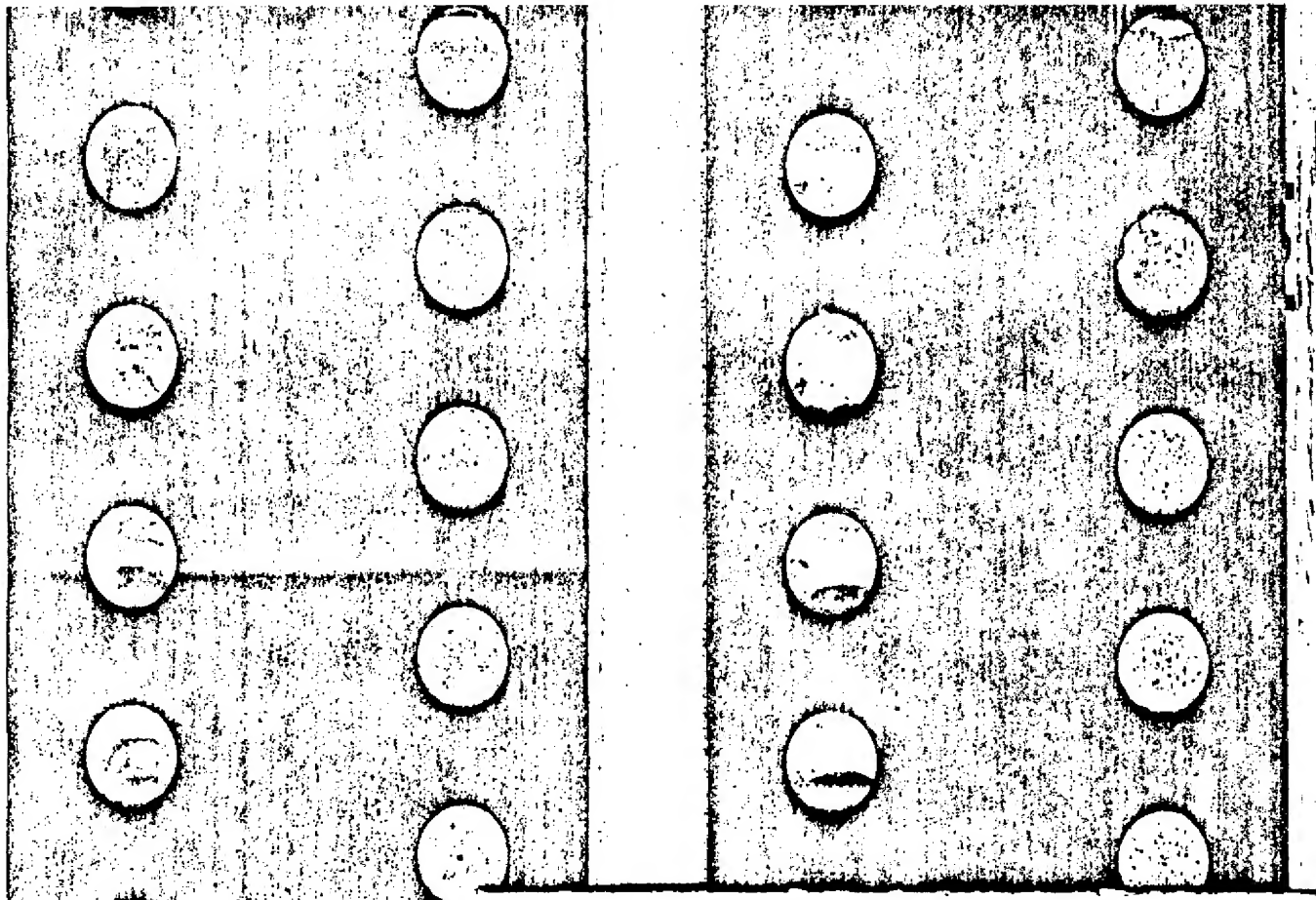
us. I would never vote for him again.

"There are many thousands of American born, and thousands of naturalized German boys, who would shed the last drop of their blood in defense of America, on American soil; and many thousands more, descended from other European countries, who are just as loyal to America.

"But, what Hitler gave the Jews was a picnic excursion to what they will get in this country on declaration of war on foreign soil. Hitler at least, let them live; here they will be massacred. America is fed up to the bursting point with this interfering in everything here."

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Dear Mr Hoover: 12631

On Wednesday evening August 27 1941, at a meeting in Redford High School, Redford, Mich., to organize a new chapter of the America First committee, Mr. VIETIG Vietig, executive secretary for Mich, directed the audience, among other things:

"No matter what the United States laws on the subject, don't allow your rifle or shotgun to be taken from you under any

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you may need them sooner
than you think.... And
the dicks who run the
government had better not
try to take the hunter's guns
from them.... Don't let
your guns leave your
hands.. and keep them
well oiled, like all good
hunters do."

Give me right you ought
to know

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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"No matter what the United States law is on the subject, don't allow your rifle or shotgun to be taken from you under any pretext from now on... You may need them sooner than you think... And the alien's who run the government had better not try to take the hunter's guns from them... Don't let your guns leave your hands.. and keep them well oiled, like all good hunters do."

(We thought you ought to know)

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Anonymous communication, postmarked at Detroit, Michigan on September 1, 1941.

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

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Re: [redacted]
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith copies of an anonymous communication, received at the Bureau on September 8, 1941, in an envelope postmarked September 1, 1941, at Detroit, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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September 3, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On August 28th Secretary of the Navy Knox called and in your absence requested me to call upon him. At Mr. Knox's office he advised that he was convinced that the America First Committee was engaged in an attempt to frustrate the National Defense Effort through manipulation of trade unions in bringing about labor disputes. Mr. Knox had in his possession a letter written by [redacted] which indicated that some preliminary inquiries had been made [redacted] The letter indicated that the America First Committee operated through the Producer Council in New York City, which in turn served as a front for the Associated General Contractors. The name of General Wood appeared in the letter on several occasions and it indicated further that a reporter for the Chicago Daily News, named [redacted] had made some investigation of the America First Committee. b1c b7c

Mr. Knox stated he would like some information about the background of the America First Committee and I told him that we would compile some information and furnish it to him. A letter to Secretary Knox is attached.

Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SEP 2 1941

Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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WAR DEPARTMENT
M. I. D.
Pittsburgh Ordnance District RFB/jd

August 12, 1941
(Date)

Subject: Pro-Nazi Activity Relative to Conscripts and National Guardsmen

Summary of Information:

1. The following information which comes from Youngstown, Ohio, under date of July 27, 1941, is submitted for your files.

2. "Pro-Nazi circles have been concentrating their agitation opposing any extension of the one-year service for conscripts and national guardsmen, yet as a whole the general public favors keeping the men in service as long as the present emergency exists. It is stated by fathers who have sons in the service at Camp Shelby that much of the agitation against extension of the one-year service comes from national guardsmen and conscripts who have been used to fill up the quota. An official of a local insurance agency states that he has received word from his son at Camp Shelby that the actions of the soldiers there is disgraceful, that on several occasions the President was hooted.

3. "Most of this agitation comes from the America First Committee and the publicity given Wheeler and others. Many citizens express the opinion that the proper way to handle Wheeler and his associates is to give them absolutely no publicity."

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Hon James Roosevelt

Dear Sir.- The Residents Should Know That the American First Committee is a Reasonable Subservicive Hitler Bund Organization. If he already has not been in Connect. We have here a Sub-Committee and my friend [redacted] found them to [redacted] found out they threatened to Kill her and she is still on the "spot"

I would say the President to have her come to Washington, she has the data in Black and White they claim membership over a Million. I Dare ask your Father where in the Constitution The right in the U S of an enemy is given to free speech and assembly And have him Tell us. The Gestapo Rep threatened to Kill [redacted]

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Joplin, Missouri

America First is a German Bund
organization formed to sell
Sears Robuck goods? by Gen,
Robert Wood and one Henson
and others I believe Henson being
traffic manager they should be
suppressed now and put under
a Bond or tax so high as to destroy
them the Constitutional penalty
is Death To my Way of thinking
No one has a right To free speech
And organization who belongs to
subversive organization or is an
enemy. I would like to know
I am part so my people have been
free since 1635 I would hate to have
To take Defence in my own hands
Liberty began To disappear when the
"Duce" Than 400 Masons out of the
Windows in Rome 20 years ago
I would like an answer

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COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

America First Committee

September 2, 1941

Mr. E. A. Tamm
Department of Justice
Room 5633
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tamm:

I don't like to bother you with these trivialities, but the FBI seemed to be the best "referring you to", don't take it too seriously.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

James Roosevelt

James Roosevelt
Captain, U.S.M.C.

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Captain James Roosevelt
c/o Coordinator of Information
Apex Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Captain Roosevelt:

Mr. Tamm has brought to my attention your letter of September 2, 1941, and the enclosure transmitted therewith, namely, a letter addressed to you by [redacted] on August 29, 1941, concerning the America First Committee. I am most appreciative of your courtesy in furnishing this information to me and wanted you to know that it is being incorporated in the official files of the Bureau for possible future reference.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have today prepared for Honorable Francis Biddle, attaching a memorandum containing the information available in the files of this Bureau relative to The America First Committee.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

September 8, 1941

Dear Edgar:

Thank you for your letter of September 3 enclosing the data relative to the America First Committee. I am glad to have this and will advise you if any further information is desired.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Knox

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: American First Committee
Internal Security

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a communication dated August 25, 1941, received by the Bureau from the Office of Naval Intelligence, Washington, D. C.

The enclosed communication indicates the infiltration of Italian Fascists into the American First Committee, and is being furnished your Office in the event you are not already in possession of the same. (S-1)(X)

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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AMERICAN FIRST COMMITTEE- Italian Fascist Infiltration.

As generally know the policy of this committee is to keep America out of war and it is therefore against any aid to Great Britain, Russia, China or other nationals now waging a defensive war against the Axis powers. Senator Burton Wheeler and Charles A. Lindbergh are two of the most outstanding orators in putting over the program of the subject committee. While no one doubts the sincerest of these two individuals, yet unconsciously, they are giving aid and comfort to the Axis powers and their fifth columnists in the United States.

Evidence has been received of an Italian Fascist infiltration into the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE. Thus there has been established the BURTON WHEELER MARINA DISTRICT CHAPTER of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE at San Francisco, California The chapter predominantly Italian has been addressed by individuals prominent in the Italian American colony in San Francisco. One of the speakers, Renzo TURCO, an attorney with offices at 550 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California demanded U.S. neutrality in Asia as well as in Europe. TURCO on January 18th, 1941 was the leading figure during a banquet held under the auspices of the San Jose Chapter of the Italian War Veterans. Turco is a member of the Orders of the Sons of Italy and attended a bund meeting on May 30th, 1938.

Another chapter of the subject committee is known as the William PACA chapter and meeting at the Fugazi Hall, 617 Green Street, San Francisco, California. The Burton Wheeler Marina District Chapter meets in the Disiano Hall, 2453 Lombard Street, San Francisco, California. The Paca Chapter is also Italian in character. A Mrs. Maria G. PUCCETTI of 712 Tennessee Street, San Francisco, California is chairman of the Paca Chaptor which holds a meeting each week.

While it is appreciated that the information only concerns the 12th Naval District and the local representatives of FBI and MID in that area, the information concerning the activities of these two chapters and the individuals connected with them, has been set out in detail to show the method of infiltration of the Italian Fascist groups in to the subject committee.

In view of the foregoing it is suggested that in districts where it is reported that new chapters of the subject committee are being formed, such information should be immediately transmitted to the local representative of MID and to the local agent of FB I for information and investigation to determine the extent, if any, of Italian Fascist infiltration into the subject committee. There ~~xxxx~~ is no question that a check as to the identity of Italian-Americans interested in such chapter will uncover information as to their allegiance to the Italian Fascist cause.

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Director,
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Re: AMERICA FIRST, INC.
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that this office is in receipt of the following communication from Colonel W. T. Bals, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Military Intelligence, Headquarters Seventh Corps Area, Omaha, Nebraska, dated August 29, 1941:

"SUBJECT: America First, Inc.

TO: Intelligence Officers and FBI Agencies Seventh Corps Area.

The following extract of a confidential report received at this office is quoted for your information: SEC 4

'The organization was the brain child of R. Douglas Stuart, Jr., a 24 year old law student of Yale University in 1940. He is the son of the First Vice-President of Quaker Oats Company. The first person contacted when the Committee was formed was Colonel Lindbergh, and the second was Earl Browder. These people met with Stuart, and later on General Robert Wood, head of Sears & Roebuck, Chicago, Edward L. Ryerson, a director of Inland Steel, Mrs. Jeanette Ayer Fairbanks, a wealthy woman, and Chester Bowles, Chairman of Benton and Bowles, an advertising agency, made up the picture. Soon William Castle, under Secretary of State in the Hoover cabinet, and alleged master mind behind Lindbergh was added. Then Senator Wheeler and Senator Bob Taft. At the start this organization had a tremendous amount of money despite the claim that they never accepted more than $1,000 from any one person. In the east, Thomas N. McCarter, former chairman of the Public Service Company of New Jersey, is one of the leading lights. He is the contact man for Joe Pew, millionaire Republican boss of Pennsylvania. Henry Ford is one of the bigwigs of this Committee, as is J. C. Hormell, millionaire Minnesota meat packer; Kathryn Lewis, the daughter of John L. Lewis, is one of the active members. For the Catholic element there is John T. Flynn, Father Coughlin, John O'Connors. Another man in the limelight is General Hugh S. Johnson. Others are Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Amos R. Pinchot, former Governor of Pennsylvania and Lewis J. Taber. Secretly there is a tremendous Jewish group backing the America First Committee. This group has as its front the Guggenheim Foundation, and the

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Re: AMERICA FIRST, INC.
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Committee was quietly subsidized for tremendously large amounts of money. The Guggenheim interests have always fronted for Lindbergh.

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The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau. No doubt, the Bureau has already received more detailed information regarding the activities of the America First Committee.

Very truly yours,

G. B. NORRIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Department of Justice

Denver, Colorado
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: AMERICA FIRST, INC.
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith two copies of a report furnished this office by [redacted] who advises that this information was obtained from his own confidential informant whose identity is not known to this office [redacted] advised that his informant has informed him that this report, which concerns America First, Inc., is a report [redacted] showing the organization tie-up of the Communist Party with the America First Committees. b2 b2 b2D

This report is being furnished for the Bureau's information, and no further action is being contemplated by the Denver Field Division on the America First Committee unless advised to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

G. A. Nicholson

G. A. NICHOLSON
Special Agent in Charge

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National Office, 141 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago.
New York Office, 515 Madison Avenue.

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(The above is [redacted] which shows how that organization ties in with the Communist Party.)

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In the forth-coming SPRING PRIMARIES

we will -Support-

Anti-War Candidates

An Undeclared War Is Unconstitutional.

Give us a Referendum.

Name & Address _____

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UNITY

according to the 'War Party' means union with it.

— IN THE U. S. A. —

The only possible unity is the CONSTITUTION

Therefore for the United States there can be no war unless it is enacted by the Congress--*Free and Independent*

CONGRESS

Freed from *Administration domination.*

Freed from nonAmerican --- *office holding fellow Travelers and Communists.*

Freed from *foreign Lobbyists.*

Citizens of America Awake

Your Unity and Your Freedom under the Constitution are at Stake.

Arming of Ships and Convoys?

"Convoys" says the President "Means Shooting, and Shooting means War."

The Argentine now also declares irresponsibility for citizens and ships in war zones — as had been our President's stand.

Why then in this critical hour of undeclared war does he shift that policy — to make the crime of war the more certain?

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
102 WEST MARKET STREET
WEST CHESTER, PA.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SEP 16 1941

Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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OFFICE OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2
GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK

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August 30, 1941.

Subject: ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES.

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

The attached copy of report has been received from a highly confidential and reliable source. This information was not solicited by this office.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

S. V. CONSTANT,
Lt.Col.,G.S.C.,
Executive Officer, G-2.

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In some of my previous reports I made reference to initial moves instituted by notorious anti-Semites for the formation of a Nationalist Party.

This impression was related to me in hints without any definite or conclusive proof that a movement of that sort is in the offing. From several sources those rumors came to me, some reliable, some based on gossip, that something big is being manufactured to be built around Colonel Lindbergh.

Strong indication pointed to the fact that wide spread anti-Semitic activities are now being promoted in Detroit, and Chicago, which convinced me that they are a definite part and parcel of a nationwide program well engineered and amply financed.

In making considerable inquiries on this subject, I ascertained that they are centered around the American First Committee, at least as far as this territory is concerned, and behind the so-called peace program and the isolationist attitude of the America First Committee, there is something more deeply rooted and sinister. Of course, there is no question that the leading exponents of organized anti-Semitism have rallied around the America First Committee, and as far as far as Detroit and Chicago are concerned, they are the principal mainstays of that movement.

In my recent inquiries concentrating particularly on the gatherings sponsored by the America First Committee, leaflets, booklets, pictures and even books, such as Elizabeth Dilling's "The Octopus" are widely distributed.

Forums addressed by well known speakers allied with the so-called Nationalist Movement in America, are meeting with tremendous success, and to accommodate the large influx of crowds, they are now being transferred to open air gatherings.

The works of Father Coughlin, Edmondson, Winrod, Colonel Sanctuary's "The Hidden Hand", Hudson's "America in Danger" are freely and profusely distributed. Every subterfuge is being used and utilized to inflame the masses against the Jewish race.

Today I came into the possession of some startling information, which of course, calls for some further inquiries and verification, but of sufficient importance to call your immediate attention and submit it to you in the form in which I obtained it. The story is that the financial backer of this country wide anti-Semitic movement is HENRY FORD with Charles Lindbergh as the national leader; that the intermediary between Henry Ford and Lindbergh is Major Thomas Lamphier. This major

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resigned from the Army, having been the commanding officers of the Selfridge Flying Field and subsequently employed by the Ford Motor Car Co., as a contact man, and it is this major who is acting in behalf of Henry Ford in his relationship with Lindbergh and other leaders of anti-Semitism in America. It is further claimed that on or about July 30, 1941 at the Lee Plaza Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, a very important meeting took place ostensibly arranged by Major Larghier in behalf of Colonel Lindbergh, but without his personal participation. It is further claimed that more than a dozen men attended this gathering, two from San Francisco, one from Pittsburgh, two from Washington, D.C., one from New York, one from St. Louis, two from Chicago and a personal representative of Lindbergh's. According to my informant this gathering discussed a variety of questions, all of them centering around the Jewish question. He classifies those discussions as follows:

1. The planning of nation wide anti-Semitic drive, using pamphlets, booklets and radio under very auspices.
2. The tying in the anti-war sentiment of the American people.
3. The exploitation of the coming tax burden stressing the influence of Roosevelt's Jewish advisors.
4. Slum housing largely controlled by Jews.
5. Corruption by Jews of local law enforcement agencies.
6. Propaganda among negroes on the basis that the colored tenants are victims of exorbitant rent raising by Jewish landlords.
7. Activities of the Jews in the communist party, in the pawn shop business, small loan business and motion picture industry.
8. The nation's resources control placed in the hands of Felix Frankfurter, Henry Morganthau, Barney Baruch and Lilienthal of the T.V.A.
9. The predominance of Jewish appointed ambassadors.
10. The formation of a Nationalist Party with an official pronouncement relegating the Jewish race to a subservient stage.
11. Recognition of Colonel Lindbergh as their national leader and the utilization of the America First Committee organization as a recruiting agency for this coming nationalist party.

You can readily see that this is a diabolical plan which definitely fits in to the various pronouncements made by the smaller fry, who have been active along those lines for the past several years. At the meetings of the Nationalist Worker's League, the formation of a nationalist party is a live topic of discussion. Similar sentiments I encountered in Chicago. All these incidents preclude the possibility of a gathering such as the one described in the Lee Plaza Hotel. I am now trying to identify some of those who were present at this meeting, which I will send to you

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Supplementing my report embodying information on the Leo Plaza Hotel conference, I herein submit the names of three participants of that conference. One Rodgers or Rogers from Minnesota, Webert or Weibert alleged to be connected with the Mid West Forum and one Fleming who is a resident of Washington, D. C. representing the Ford Motor Car Co. in a capacity of a lobbyist.

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KMOW WHO THAT ARE UNDERMINING AMERICA PLEASE ANSWER

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WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
CHIEF COORDINATOR

September 12, 1941.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is transmitted herewith a letter from one [redacted] with which he encloses several communications from the America First Committee, Santa Monica, California, with the request that the material be forwarded to the proper officer of the Federal Government. b7C

This is referred to you inasmuch as your Bureau has investigative responsibility in matters of this character.

Very truly yours,

Elmer L. Irey,
Chief Coordinator.

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Dear Mr. Frey:

Greetings.

Will you kindly refer the enclosed "America First" letter to the proper Officer of the Federal Government. I believe everyone of these fellows who are posing as patriotic Americans but who in fact are doing so much to raise the morale of the Nazis and thus endanger our Country, should be investigated. I have no doubt that many of them are undercover agents of a Foreign Government.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures:
"Initialed" envelope,
letter, and 2
"Rush Holt" pictures.
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"PEACE FOR AMERICA"

SENATOR RUSH D. HOLT

WILL SPEAK --- TUESDAY --- SEPT. 2nd --- 8 PM.

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

(We are still unable to meet in the Santa Monica schools)

REVOLUTIONARY RUSH HOLT (the youngest Senator ever elected) FIGHTS THE DEMOCRATIC MACHINE IN THE SOUTH LIKE THE YOUNG REPUBLICANS WHO ARE IN REVOLT AGAINST THE CYNICAL LEADERSHIP OF THEIR PARTY IN THE NORTH.

WHAT OF OUR BOYS? WILL WE LET THE POLITICIANS USE THEM TO BLUFF THE WORLD? ARE WE TO SIT IDLE WHILE OUR LEADERS MILITARIZE THE NATION FOR FORIEGN CONQUEST?

IF SENATOR PEPPER'S PREDICTION COMES TRUE WE WILL BE BLED WHITE. OUR PROPERTY, OUR DEMOCRACY, OUR YOUTH - ALL GONE.

THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE SAYS -- NO!
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SAY -- NO! -- NO'.

BRING FRIENDS OF PEACE AND <u>THOSE WHO ARE IN DOUBT</u>.

HEAR SENATOR HOLT (in person)

University High School Auditorium.
(On Westgate Avenue - one block South of Wilshire)
West Los Angeles.
Tuesday - Sept. 2nd., 8 PM.

Our meeting scheduled for Thursday Sept. 4th is cancelled -- Tell others so they will not be confused.

PASS THIS CIRCULAR ON TO A FRIEND -- BRING SIGNED MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO THE MEETING.

"NATIONAL DEFENSE AT ANY EXPENSE
BUT KEEP OUR BOYS AT HOME"

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

BAY CITIES CHAPTER.

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America First Committee

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

August 28th, 1941

POST OFFICE BOX 748

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Executive Committee

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MAJOR ALFORD J. WILLIAMS

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Dear Member:

The AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE of the Bay District calls to your attention that a WAR is in the making, a WAR that will take our boys to a foreign land, a WAR which some speechmakers paint as a glorious adventure, but which we know to be GRIM and HORRIBLE.

WAR will come to America if people sit back in their easy chairs and do nothing to prevent it.

AMERICA FIRST LEADERS believe that if we are successful in holding the interventionist "BLITZ" for another six months, we shall have witnessed such confusion in the interventionist ranks and such evidence of the crazy WAR girations abroad that it will convince every American of the folly of our participation.

Through the efforts of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE to date we have prevented CONVOYS, stopped the President's WAR SPEECH, held off an A.E.F. and won over to the AMERICA FIRST ideals TWENTY new SENATORS and CONGRESSMEN in the past week. The bare ONE vote majority in the house for the draft extension speaks volumes.

Although the Bay Cities Chapter of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE is young, it is growing rapidly, thanks to the support of those of you who joined up early. We must reach everyone in this area who feels strongly about this burning question. Now this takes MONEY.

You who are in this fight are the voice and hope of the 80 percent of the people of America who are for PEACE, and knowing you support our ideas we are counting on a generous contribution now and an indication of how much you can give weekly or monthly to carry this fight forward for another six months. Your pledge of future financial support will enable us to budget our expenses and open a headquarters in Santa Monica to instill in the minds of the people in the Bay District that there is a National Organization fighting for PEACE.

Please mail your contribution, preferably by check or money order, to Post Office Box 748, Santa Monica, and it will be acknowledged by our Treasurer.

Yours truly,

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

by R. E. Burton Chairman

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A.E.Burton,
"America First Committee"
PO Box 748
Santa Monica, Calif.

You have made a gross error in addressing to me a communication with the salutation: "Dear Member,"

The America First Committee as at present constituted is a grave menace to the security of our Country. Every word your principal speakers, Lindbergh, Wheeler and even little Nye utter, gives cheer to every Nazi in Germany, from Hitler down, not to mention the Nazis and Nazi-Sympathisers who seem to make up the greater part of the audiences of the said Wheeler, Lindbergh, Nye, and the thoroly misguided and senseless Holt, who you say will speak here soon. I have heard, over the radio, without one word of disapproval from Lindbergh or Wheeler, your Nazi sympathisers hiss and boo the names of patriotic Americans like Willkie and Roosevelt, and the name of Winston Churchill who has brought so much grief to Hitler,- but I have never heard your audiences boo or hiss the name of Hitler, or even that of the almost forgotten Mussolini. Why is this? Do your supporters want Hitler to win? I shall say this, and it is my firm conviction: Every word and every act, of which I have heard, by any member of your organization has encouraged the Nazis, and thus endangered all Democracies. Not one word nor one act, of which I have heard, on the part of any member of your organization, has encouraged the American defence workers, or the men in our Army, Navy and Air forces.

Any man who belongs to an organization that welcomes to its audiences unpatriotic men and women who boo and hiss the President of the United States, and who does not hiss the name of the patriotic Willkie, who fought against the same kind of Military Machine in the last War as Churchill and his people are fighting now, and who never utter one sound of disapproval when Hitler's name is mentioned, [redacted] as Wheeler called him recently, "the little corporal", should, in my opinion, be investigated by the F.B.I. which is doing such fine work in ferreting out saboteurs and traitors. We are a veteran of [redacted] Wars, the Spanish-American, and the first World War, and we are too old and we want but allowed to enlist in the [redacted] fighting military machine, which again threatens every country on earth. And we deem permitting [redacted] that thing, and Willam Forrest was a necessary thing to do, who like you would not be in a position now to [redacted] for encouragement of the most brutal military machine [redacted]

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Dear [redacted]

Your communication dated August 29, 1941, with enclosures, addressed to the Chief Coordinator, Treasury Enforcement Agencies, Washington, D. C., has been referred to the FBI. I want to thank you for your courtesy and interest in communicating with the Federal Government.

Should you obtain possession of any additional information you believe of value to the internal security of our country, I want you to feel free to communicate with Mr. R. B. Hood, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 900 Security Building, Los Angeles, California.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER

RE: AMERICA FIRST, INC.
National Office - 141 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois
New York Office - 515 Madison Ave.

The following information concerning the above organization was obtained from an outside unknown source dated at New York, New York, on August 4, 1941.

This organization was originally planned by R. Douglas Stuart, Jr., 24 year old law school senior in 1940 at Yale University. He is the son of the first vice president of the Quaker Oats Company. The first person contacted when the committee was formed was Col. Lindbergh, and another was Earl Browder. These people met with Stuart and later on General Robert Wood, head of Sears-Roebuck Company, Edward L. Ryerson, a director of Inland Steel; Mrs. Jeanette Ayer Fairbanks, a wealthy woman; and Chester Bowles, chairman of Benton and Bowles, an advertising agency, made up the picture. Soon William Castle, Under-Secretary of State in the Hoover Cabinet and the original master mind behind Lindbergh was added, then Senator Wheeler and Senator Bob Taft. At the very start this organization had a tremendous amount of money on hand, despite the claim that they never accept more than $1,000 from any one person.

In the East, Thomas N. McCarter, former chairman of the Public Service Company of New Jersey, is one of the leaders, and he is said to be the contact man for Joe Pew, the millionaire Republican leader of Pennsylvania.

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Secretly there was a tremendous Jewish group backing the America First until just recently. This Jewish group had as its front the Guggenheim Foundation, and the committee was quietly subsidized for tremendous sums of money. The Guggenheim interest has always fronted for Lindberg, but a few weeks ago the Jewish group withdrew all financial support. A number of the members of the committee quietly withdrew or became inactive. This was due to three reasons. U

1. America First was set up because of the hatred for President Roosevelt and the purpose was to do everything possible to embarrass him in every way possible. U

2. Mrs. Wheeler, the wife of the Senator, is bitterly anti-Semitic. She is a stock-holder of the Chicago Tribune, and Col. McCormick, the Tribune's owner, has as his man Harry Jung, head of the American Vigilante Intelligence Federation, who is also strongly pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic. It is alleged that Mrs. Wheeler, Harry Jung and Col. McCormick are using America First as a sounding board for anti-Jewish propaganda. In connection with this, Father Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit and the Christian Front Organization have just recently been officially welcomed into America First by Col. Wood, another stock-holder of the Chicago Tribune. U

3. America First has a lobby strictly anti-Roosevelt at Washington. This lobby is comprised of William Castle, Alice Longworth, John L. Lewis and General Hugh S. Johnson. Each and every one of these are bitter enemies of the President. U

This group had to figure a way to reach at the President through probably the most bitter attacks in the history of the world. The Hatch Act would not permit large political contributions to the campaign funds, so this organization, America First, has as its base enemy President Roosevelt, and consequently anything he attempts, no matter what it concerns in regard to war and Britain, will be attacked by America First. U

In other words, this organization which is cooperating with every branch of anti-war groups, such as the I.R.A., Christian Front, anti-British, Catholic groups, and every pacifist group in the country, make it an organization that will always have to be watched. U

From the Communist angle, William Castle has on his payroll William Sanger, a former Communist Stalin School graduate. Sanger now receives $250 a month and is located at Washington. U

When the present Pope who then was Papal Secretary, was in the United States on a visit, he confided to certain members of the church that he thought that the American priests, outside of the Irish, were a lazy lot. Since then a peculiar thing happened that makes one consider. Cardinal Dougherty of Boston sev rely criticized Father Coughlin and tried to have him removed. Cardinal Dougherty went to Rome on the matter. In the meantime, Coughlin started an attack on the Jews and the British, and he was only mildly chastised for his actions, and ever since he has been on the war-path now that the Irish groups in the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus have become very bitter and active against Britain and Roosevelt, and no one is saying a thing to them. They are running wild, and ex-Congressman John O'Connor, one of the most staunch friends of the I.R.A. has been acting as attorney for Coughlin's organization, the National Union for Social Justice.

The America First has a great fortune back of it. Among the monied people are General Wood, Mrs. Jeanette Ayer Fairbanks, Frank O. Lowden, Thomas N. McCarter, Edward L. Ryerson, and Pew who controls the Sun Oil Company.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire

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Details:

When advised that the Director was on the West Coast and that Mr. E. A. Tamm was Acting Director, the secretary stated that Mr. Knox would probably call Mr. Tamm later today.

Mr. Tamm's Office has been advised.

cc - Mr. Tamm

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Mr. Tamm advises he is going over to see Mr. Knox.
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New York, Sept, 13,1941.

To the President of the United States.

Washington, D.C.

Honored sir;-

As a loyal American I feel it is my duty to report an experience I had the other evening. On the corner of Fifty-seventh Street and Ninth Avenue at about ten o'clock I happened to pass by an ordinary saloon where I heard a lou voice holding the attention of several hopelessly drunk men and women. I was curi to see what was going on and so ventured in and,to my utter disgust,found a man who said his name was John Cram,collecting signatures from those men and women,on a petition to block the United States from giving any help to the Allies. He dis-tributed pamphlets of the American First Committee and wrote on them the names of senators and congressmen to whom they should send their protests.

Those persons,---eleven of them---to whom he was appealing, were in condition to reason or to know what it was all about. It is deplorable enough to get sober persons converted to hatred and intolerance and to solicit for such a petition the names of persons under the influence of alcohol is a dastardly crime

I talked to this Mr.Cram and told him,in an effort to gain informat how I admired his untiring efforts to rid this country,as he put it, of present war-mongers and told him I would like to help in my way,asking what I could do. He replied that I could come to the American First Committee meetings and act as a sort of "storm trooper".Then I asked"What do you men by storm trooper",he answered,"You could help rid our meetings of hecklers,Jews,and so forth",and adde "There will be plenty of others to beat those to a pulp".

This is how the American First Committee gets members,Honored Sir. They stop at nothing to undermine this wonderful country of ours.

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I would be happy to offer my services in any way that would help to dest this subversive element.

May I be permitted to sign myself as one of your sincere supporters.

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Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sirs:

Your attention is invited to the anti-Semitic, anti-Russian - and decidedly anti-Franklin D. Roosevelt impeachment propaganda) known as Silver Shirts (American First Committee) meeting, held in native town, here, this city 7:30 P.M. (Meeting) Monday,

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Sept. 22nd. Please write the above appointed time, to investigate the government of the United States, and the sanity of the people of this state. The audience contained a number of fanatics - decidedly Fascist. Above is what it was for - Issues for political religious freedom,

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Dear [redacted]

Your communication of September 17, 1941, has been received at this Bureau.

Please be advised that the content thereof has been carefully noted and made a matter of permanent record in our official files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

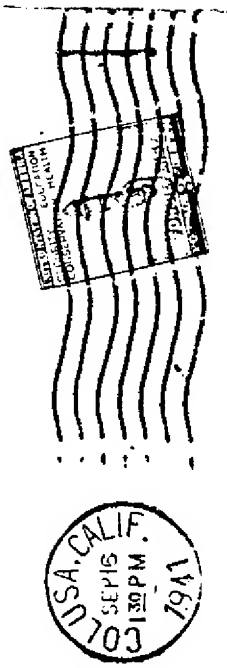
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Group Score Shooting Edict Of Roosevelt

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—(UP)—Robert E. Wood, national chairman of the America First Committee, announced last night an "independent group" of fifty eight "prominent Americans" had united in a public condemnation of President Roosevelt's address last Friday as a "grave threat to democratic principles of majority rule."

The group included former Governors William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray of Oklahoma and Philip La Follette of Wisconsin, Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Charles A. Beard, historian; Irvin S. Cobb, writer; President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University; George N. Peek, former chief of the Agricultural Adjustment Admanistration, and several persons prominent in the America First Committee.

Statement Of Group

"The President has decreed that shooting shall begin," the group's joint statement charged. "His edict is supported neither by congressional sanction nor by popular will."

Roosevelt's speech was an open challenge to the authority of congress, the statement said, and the committee called upon congress to "reassert immediately in unmistakable terms its historic guardianship of our lives and liberties."

Unless congress acknowledges the challenge, the group declared, it must "submit to the imminent prospect of an undeclared war.

"The president's speech of September 11th presents a grave threat to the constitutional powers of congress and to the democratic principles of majority rule. Our congress cannot ignore this challenge."

Wood, serving as chairman of the group, said Roosevelt's "shoot on sight" order to the navy and air force "undermines the constitutional provision which gives the war power to congress alone."

Committee Members

Among the committee's members were:

General Johnson Hagood, former 6th and 7th Corps Army commander, retired; John T. Flynn, New York economist and writer; Vice President William L. Hutcheson of the American Federation of Labor; Kathryn Lewis, executive assistant to her father, John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers (Congress of Industrial Organizations) president; Mrs. Burton K. Wheeler, wife of the Montana senator; Kathleen Norris, novelist, and Herbert K. Hyde, Oklahoma City, chairman of the resolutions committee at the 1940 Republican National Convention.

Ripley, cartoonist; Gerald Shaughnessy, bishop, Seattle, Wash.; Claude K. Boettcher, Denver, financier; Samuel Hopkins Adams, New York author; Mrs. Ruth Tanna Simms, former Illinois member of congress; former Representative Samuel B. Pettengill, South Bend, Ind.; Robert R. Young, Providence, chairman of board, Allegheny Corporation, and Amos Pinchot, New York attorney.

Educators Included

Rev. Samuel K. Wilson, president, Loyola University, Chicago; Rev. John A. O'Brien, Notre Dame University; Joseph Scott, California attorney; Dr. Charles C. Morrison, editor of the Christian Century, Chicago; Janet Ayer Fairbank, Chicago author; Edward Price Bell, Mississippi, author; Thomas S. Hammond, president Whiting Corporation, Chicago; Most Rev. Wilbur E. Hammaker, Methodist bishop, Rocky Mountain States, Denver; Otto A. Case, treasurer of State of Washington; William G. Dennis, president of Earlham College; Porter Sargent, Boston publisher; John L. Wheeler, California attorney.

John G. Mott, chairman of board, Associated Telephone Company, California; Rev. Frank B. Fagerburg, religious author, California; Dr. Clarence Manion, dean of law school, Notre Dame University.

Capper Holds U. S. Must Back Roosevelt Act

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. — (AP) — Senator Capper, Republican of Kansas, said President Roosevelt has initiated an "undeclared war" which "the congress and the people of the United States must and will support."

The Kansas, who has been critical of administration foreign policy, discussed in an address transcribed for broadcast over station WIBW of Topeka, Kan., the president's order for the navy to shoot first at axis raiders in American defensive waters. Copies of the address were released here.

He declared:

Shooting on sight is not short of war. Shoot on sight is war, and no carefully chosen words in explanation can make such an order anything else.

For weal or woe the United States and the people of the United States are involved to whatever extent President Roosevelt has gone to implement his policy of national defense.

My own position is simply this: For myself, I will support the national defense program, as I have been doing. The United States must be kept a free and independent and powerful nation and the people of the United States must and will support that action. There is no other course of action open to us.

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Friend of U.S.A.

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Thanks for the Bulletin "2" received. Also your wee greetings. You are trying to "Keep 'em flying" and may our colors NEVER be defeated eventually either on land or sea.

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Watching your persistent campaign against [redacted] and applauding your NEWS — Fall Guy!

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to be fair with you in expressing my opinion of your department. I'm not aiming to paint any rose colored picture — it is simply the viewpoint, as I get it, from the public. You may wonder why I'm telling you this, but first allow me to continue:

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To start with I am a columnist and I travel a circuit two hundred SERIALIZED FILED thousand readers, East, West, North and South in central Illinois right in the midst of the German-Dutch [redacted] I'm a German-Dutch descendant. In my travels I see the Public's re-action to your department. "Who dictates Lindbergh's speeches?" "Lindbergh must transmit important information to Berlin, because they know Washington's developments before the public knows them." Then another says:— "F.B.I. has that sort of thing well in hand," and the rest agree.

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In fact, I can truthfully say that the public has unlimited confidence in you and your dept., and what goes on inside the minds of the public also goes on inside my mind — I hope I've made myself clear; now for the purpose of this letter.

1. Who writes Lindbergh's speeches?
2. Does he really have a commission?
3. Why does he frequent the Nazi trend?
4. Why did he rush back to America in 1939 after asserting that this was an unfit country to live in — he was afraid of kidnaping?
5. Why did he wait till after the German and Italian Consulates were closed to offer himself for investigation?
6. Why is Viereck permitted to remain here after his subversive acts during wars 1 & 2?
7. And why is Lindbergh so closely connected with Viereck?
8. (1) Why does Lindbergh ape Hitler's speeches?

I hope to get positive answers to the above, also, permission to petition a Congressional investigation of certain isolationists, the America First, including Lindbergh. How about it?

Yours,

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

8:00 P. M.

SPEAKER:

Representative Frank B. Keefe

6th Congressional District, Oshkosh, Wis.

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Fair Enough

Labor Day Is Mockery!

By Westbrook Pegler

NEW YORK, Sept. 6—Of course, Labor day orations often are low political frauds, uttered in the interests of scheming men, but the power of tradition and publicity are great and it would be a shame to let the perpetrators get away with their cynical imposture unchallenged.

Labor day no longer is a festival of those who do the work, but a day devoted to the mocking of the betrayed, to self-approval and mutual admiration by sordid conspirators who boss the unions and to the flattery of evil men by politicians, high and low.

It is as though Adolf Hitler were to select some historic day of solemn patriotic meaning to the Czechs and humiliate them by howling to the silent helpless masses that he and his political agents had freed them from themselves.

Last Monday was a day of indecent sneering at millions of voiceless Americans whose right to work and select their own bargaining agents has been revoked by despicable cunning, whose wages have been chiseled of exorbitant taxes in the guise of dues and permit fees, who have been ...urged and stabbed or intimidated by threats of physical and economic terror.

SO ARROGANT were some of the speakers, so confident of their power over the robots in the ranks, that not one of them felt any necessity to refer to the crimes perpetrated by unioneers against countless individuals and against the nation itself. Provision was made that no voice should be heard to protest against the organized rapacity, cruelty and treason of the unions, nor any reminder of the anti-American treachery of the communists who helped to wreck France and only 10 weeks ago were trying to bring down the United States in the same humiliating ruin.

I listened to William Green and heard not one word of apology for his own willful, knowing collaboration against the workers with the underworld crooks who infest the unions of his greedy mafia, nor even a hint of perfidy which has disgraced his organization.

I read the remarks of Sidney Hillman as quoted in the papers and found no condemnation of the Moscovites who lately stabbed this nation between the shoulders ...and then abruptly whooped it up for war, but in defense of Russia, not the U. S. A.

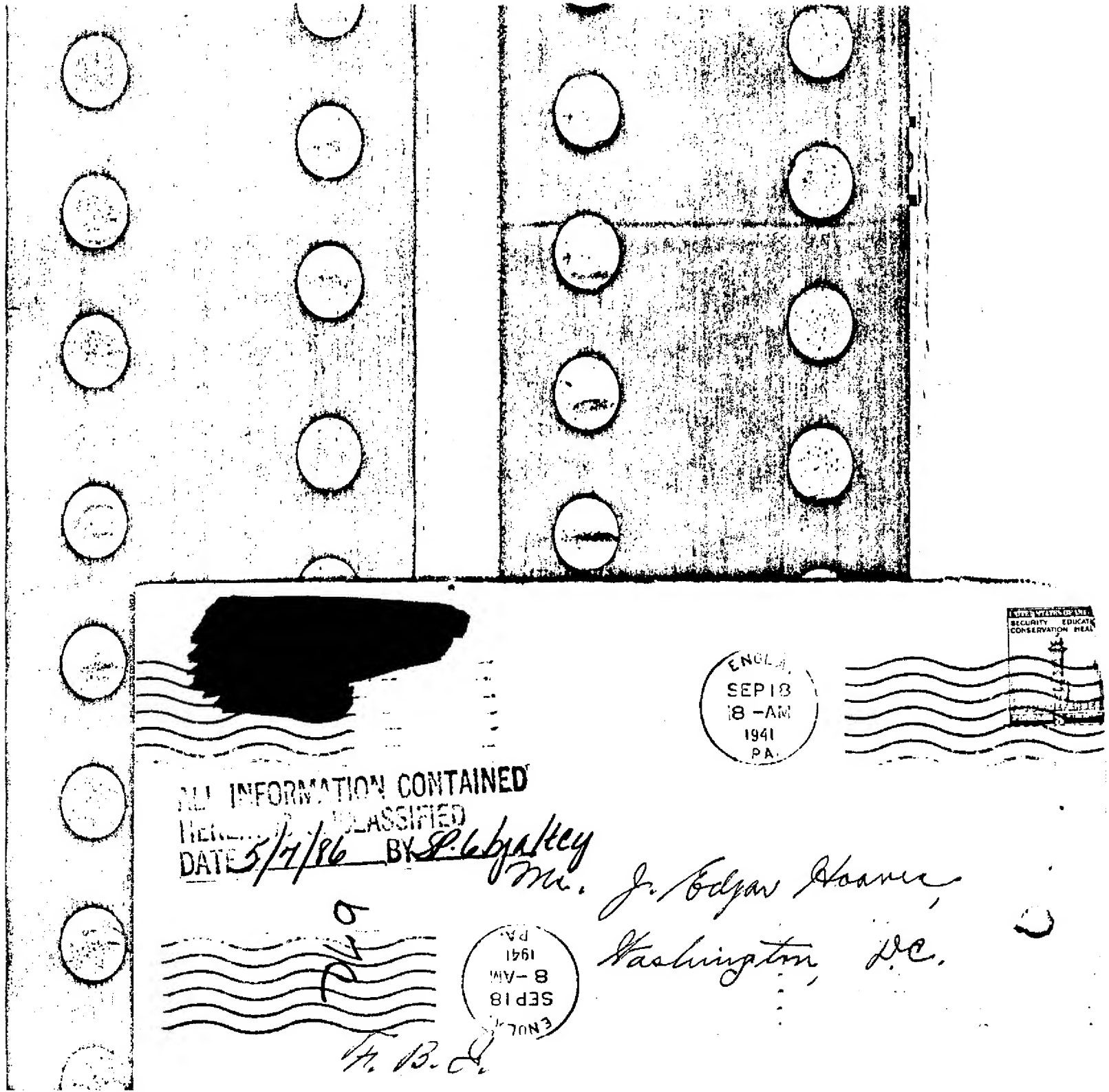
Instead, Mr. Green claimed for himself and his associates full credit for every boom enacted by the sound American conscience of the whole nation from the institution of the public school to the swat-the-fly movement and had the gall to boast over a national hookup that this rogue-infested mob of political highbinders had so intimidated the U. S. congress as to kill every patriotic bill directed against its vicious activities.

Mr. Hillman, whose own union in New York less than a year ago shook down American employers for political contributions for President Roosevelt's third term and threatened workers with reprisals should they exercise their political right to vote against the administration, was fetched out as an official of the government to celebrate the subjugation of the masses.

Labor day, once the festival of united free workers, has become a day of mockery when the captors howl their own praises and the workers snuffle in their ... like showstock at a fa...

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Dear [redacted]

This will acknowledge your letter dated September 17, 1941, and I want to thank you for your courtesy in communicating with me.

With respect to your inquiries, I regret that I must advise you that by virtue of a well established policy of the Department of Justice, all information contained in the files of the FBI is of a strictly confidential nature and can be disclosed only on the express authority of the Attorney General. A similar reason precludes me from offering any comments, and I regret that I am, therefore, unable to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Clegg
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Dear Mr. President, — Justice

8 Sept. 11, 1941

Your speech was attentively listened to and carefully absorbed by the undersigned. I likewise heard Lindbergh's address and it prompted me to become so bold as to suggest to our good President of the U.S.A. (the best country on earth in my opinion) that he permit one of his officials to ask the "Colonel" just a few simple questions, as follows, that all may know just what his true wishful, but unfortunately not practical at this time, platform may really be.

1. Do you truthfully think that the present administration wants war, a shooting war?

2. Do you think the American people as a whole want war?

3. Do you think or know that if the U.S.A. sits idly by and arms itself and renders no aid to oppressed peoples fighting for their very lives unto the death, that Heir Hitler will not attack us after he has conquered them?

4. If you were in an unfair fight with an opponent whom you knew could easily beat the stuffing out of you and a man who owed you money hopped into the fray on your side, would you say - no, I'll take a good beating because you did not pay your debt to me?

5. If you were sunk by an Axis submarine without warning and had an opportunity to later retaliate, would you still turn the other cheek that that same murderer might murder more innocent and peace loving people?

6. Do you feel certain or know that if Hitler conquered all the peoples you mentioned in your speech (of class bigotry and hatred) in addition to those already subjected, that we would be able to avoid a much worse shooting war without capitulating to that type of satan worshiper?

7. Do you think England, France, Holland, Poland, etc., wanted a war?

8. Who do you think started this war?

9. If by any chance you think it was the Nazi butcher and his gangster colleagues, Goering, Geobbels, Hess, etc., then how inconsistent to say we, and England wanted it, when both did all humanly possible to avoid it?

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NEW YORK CHAPTER, Inc.

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Chairman
Queens Headquarters

JAMES S. HARDIMAN, Jr.
Chairman
Glendale-Ridgewood Unit

September 19, 1941

Dear Fellow American:

We are enclosing our newly approved certificate of membership in the America First Committee.

Your local Unit urges you in this present crisis to redouble your efforts to preserve the United States from foreign wars. As a patriotic American you will naturally want to take an active part in fighting for the principles of the America First Committee. Who knows what the Roosevelt Administration will do NEXT? Your help is certainly needed to avoid another American Expeditionary Force!

FIRST - Enroll a new member.

SECOND - Write to Washington opposing all foreign involvement. Your Headquarters can help you with this.

THIRD - Pledge financial support. A Coin-of-the-Week Club has been formed to support Headquarters. We enclose a card in the hope that you will either join or sign up a friend.

FOURTH - Give a few hours of your spare time for office work in Headquarters.

FIFTH - Join our active Committeemen. Help our intensified Membership Drive by distributing literature on your block.

We hope that you will make full use of your Headquarters at 65-43 Myrtle Avenue. Come in any afternoon or evening and inquire about our numerous activities. Be sure to attend our meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:30 p.m. Bring your friends.

WITH YOUR HELP - AND ONLY WITH YOUR HELP - AMERICA FIRST CAN SWEEP THE COUNTRY!

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Yours very sincerely,

James Hardiman

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Chairman James Hardiman, Jr.

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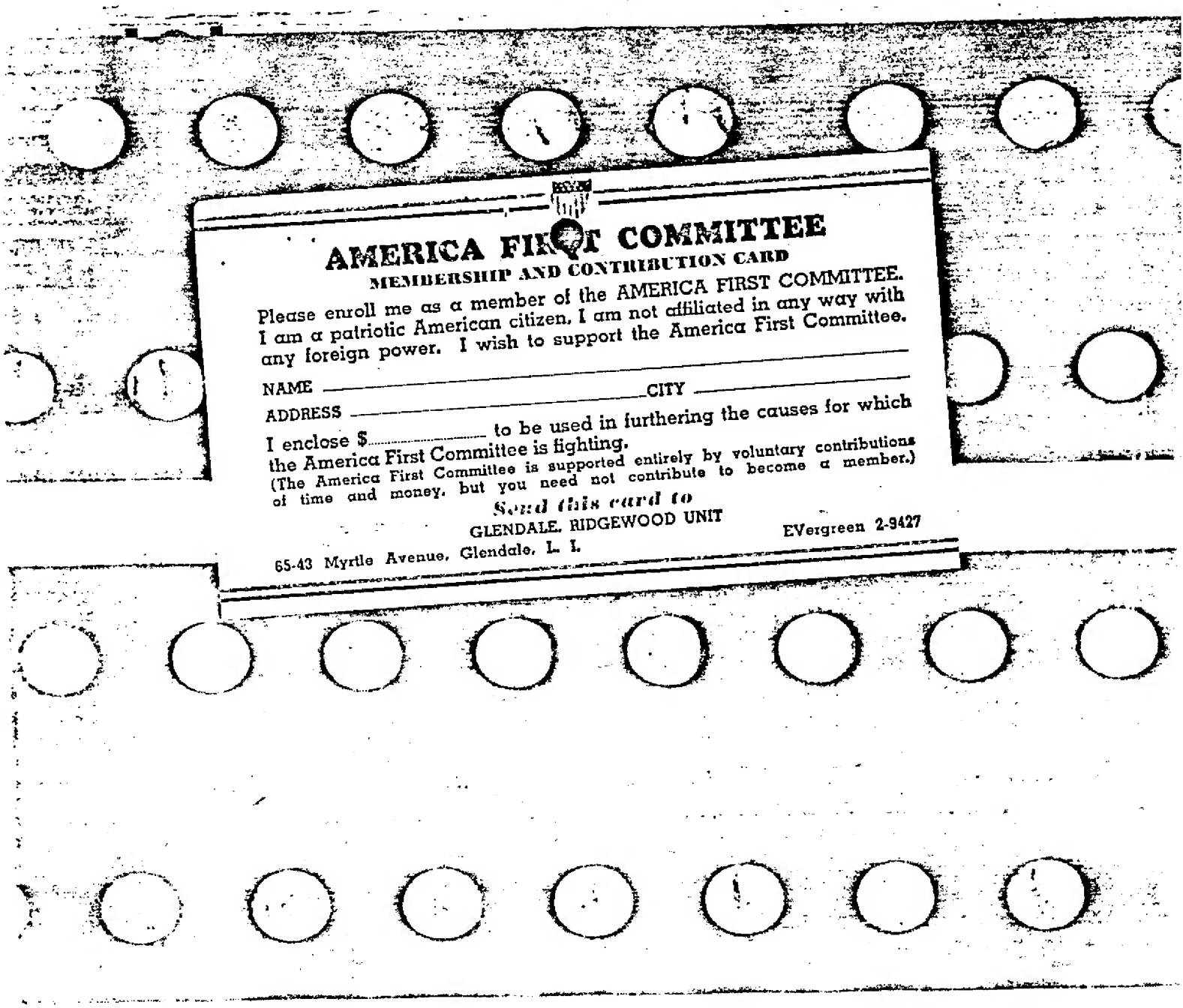
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I enclose $_____ to be used in furthering the causes for which the America First Committee is fighting.

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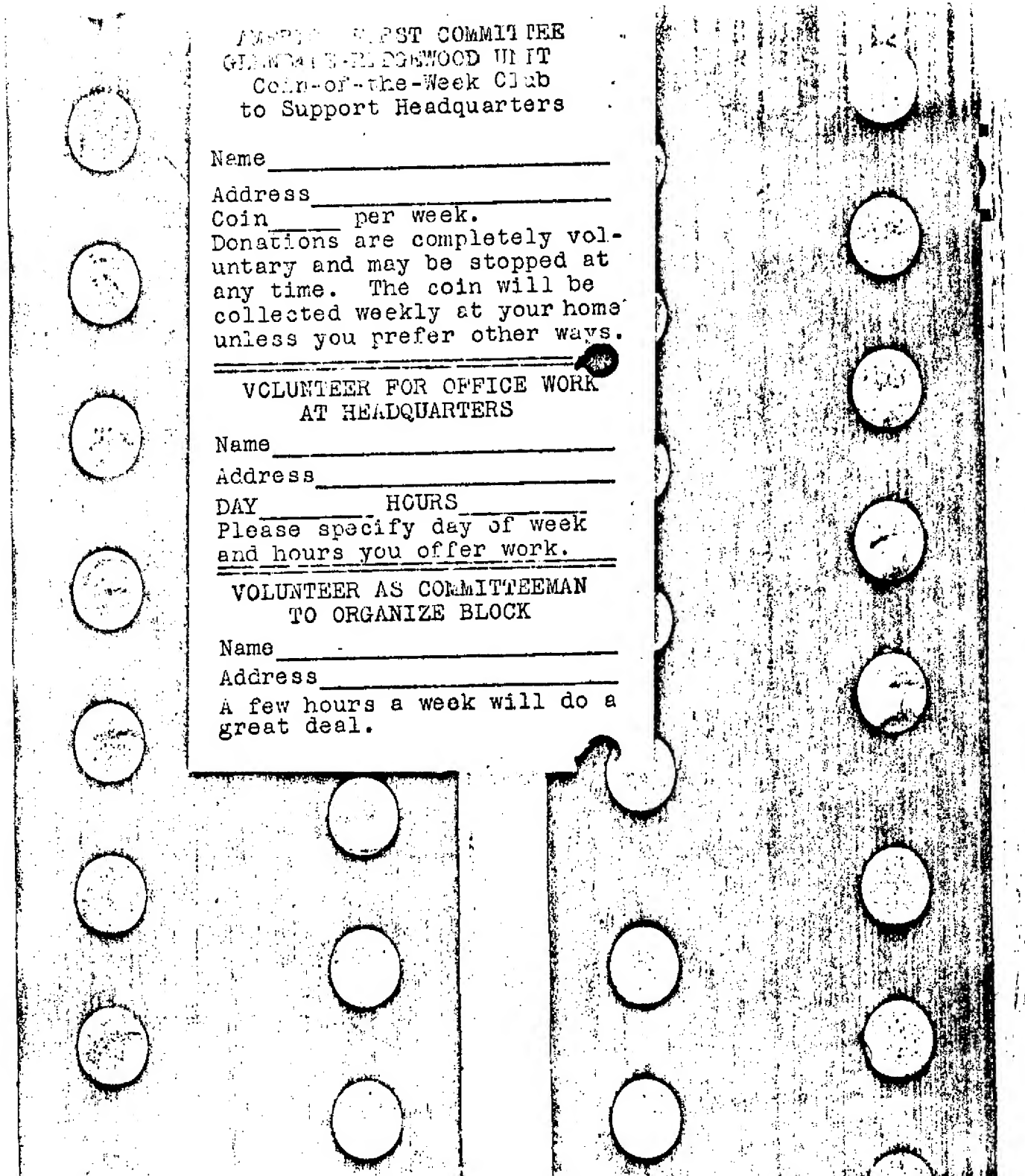
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PRINCIPLES of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

1. Our first duty is to keep America out of foreign wars. Our entry would only destroy democracy, not save it. "The path to war is a false path to freedom."
2. Not by acts of war abroad but by preserving and extending democracy at home can we aid democracy and freedom in other lands.
3. In 1917 we sent our American ships into the war zone and this led us to war. In 1941 we must keep our naval convoys and merchant vessels on this side of the Atlantic.
4. We must build a defense, for our shores, so strong that no foreign power or combination of powers can invade our country, by sea, air or land.
5. Humanitarian aid is the duty of a strong, free country at peace. With proper safeguard for the distribution of supplies, we should feed and clothe the suffering and needy people of the occupied countries.

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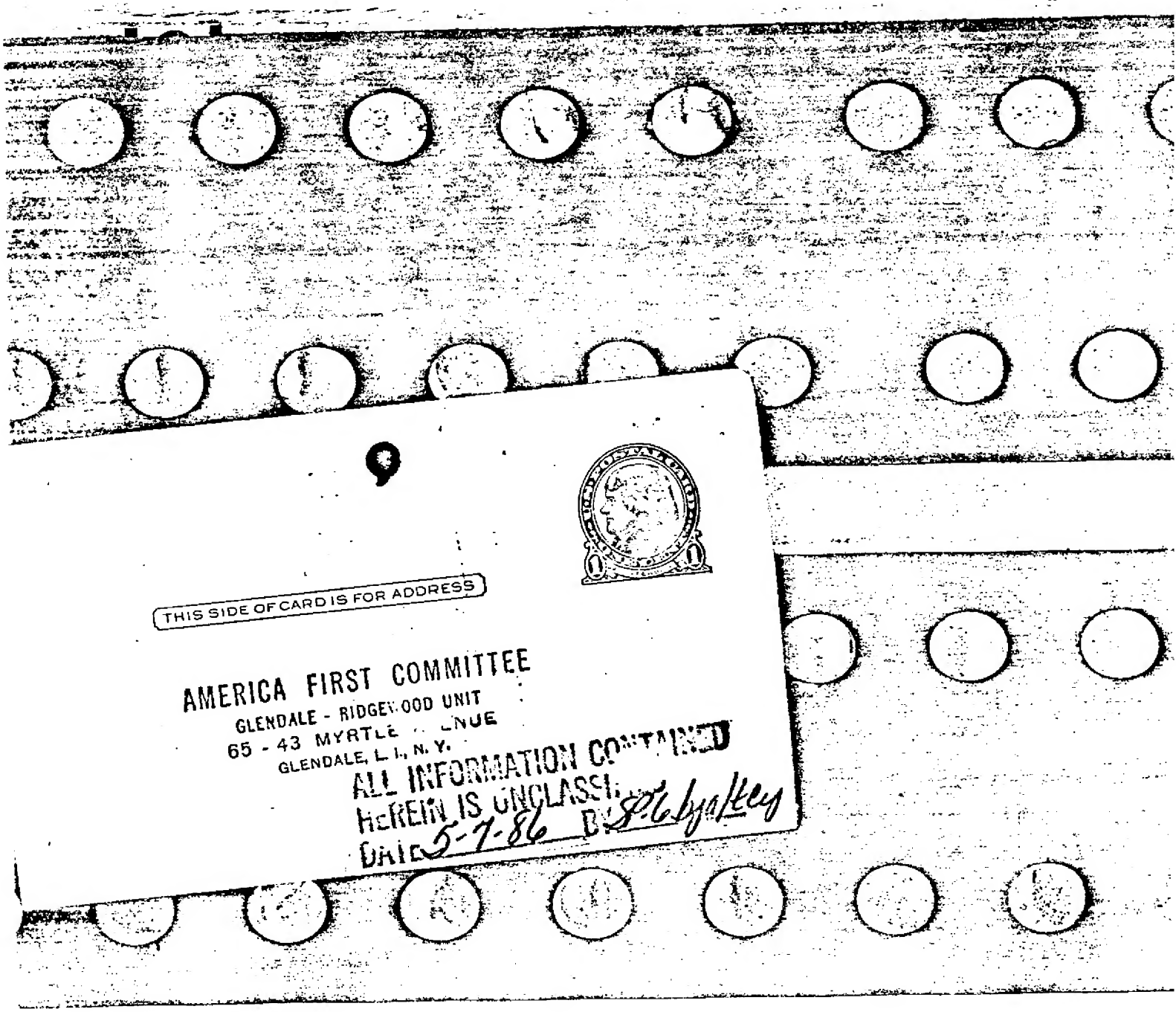
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The America First Committee organized in the state of Oklahoma by DON LOHBECK, HERBERT K. HYDE, Chairman of the American First Committee in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and MACK SHRODES, Chairman in Tulsa, Oklahoma, WILLIAM S. FOULIS, and E. C. JEFFREY, National Committeeman, made arrangements for CHARLES A. LINDBERGH to speak in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. LINDBERGH denied use of the Municipal Auditorium by the City Council of Oklahoma City; spoke at Sandlot Park, Oklahoma City, on August 29, 1941 with Senator BURTON K. WHEELER. Membership drive now in progress - aims and purposes of national as well as local organizations explained.

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"The organization was the brain child of R. Douglas Stuart, Jr. a 24 year old law student senior of Yale University in 1940. He is the son of the First Vice-President of Quaker Oats Company. The first person contacted when the Committee was formed was Colonel Lindbergh, and the second was Earl Browder. These people met with Stuart, and later on General Robert Wood, head of Sears & Roebuck, Chicago, Edward L. Ryerson, a director of Inland Steel, Mrs. Jeanette Ayer Fairbanks, a wealthy woman, and [redacted] Bowles, Chairman of Benton & Bowles, an advertising agency, made up the picture. Soon

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William Castle, under Secretary of State in the Hoover Cabinet, and alleged master mind behind Lindbergh was added. Then Senator Wheeler and Senator Bob Taft. At the start this organization had a tremendous amount of money despite the claim that they never accepted more than $1,000 from any one person. In the east, Thomas H. McCarter, former chairman of the Public Service Company of New Jersey, is one of the leading lights. He is the contact man for Joe Pew, millionaire Republican boss of Pennsylvania. Henry Ford is one of the biggest of this Committee, as is J. C. Hormell, millionaire Minnesota meat packer; Kathryn Lewis, the daughter of John L. Lewis, is one of the active members. For the Catholic element there is John T. Flynn, Father Coughlin, John O'Connors. Another man in the limelight is General Hugh S. Johnson. Others are Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Amos R. Pinchot, former Governor of Pennsylvania and Lewis J. Taber. Secretly there is a tremendous Jewish group backing the America First Committee. This group has as its front the Guggenheim Foundation, and the Committee was quietly subsidized for tremendously large amounts of money. The Guggenheim interests have always fronted for Lindbergh.

America First was set up because of the hatred for President Roosevelt and its purpose is to do everything possible to embarrass him and the Army in the United States. Mrs. Wheeler, wife of the Senator, is bitterly anti-Semetic. She is a stockholder of the Chicago Tribune, and Colonel McCormick the Tribune owner, has as his stooge Harry Jung, head of the American Vigilante Intelligence Federation, and strongly pro-Nazi and anti-Semetic. Mrs. Wheeler, Harry Jung and Colonel McCormick are using America First as a sounding board for anti-Jewish propaganda. In this connection Father Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit and the Christian front organizations have just recently been officially welcomed into America First by General Wood, another stockholder of the Chicago Tribune.

America First has a lobby strictly anti-Roosevelt in Washington. This lobby is composed of William Castle and Alice Longworth, John L. Lewis and General Hugh S. Johnson. All are bitter enemies of the President. This group has figured out a way to reach the President with the most bitter attachs in the history of the world. The Hatch Act would not permit large political contributions to campaign funds, so this organization, America First, has its worst enemy in President Roosevelt and consequently anything he attempts, no matter what it concerns in respect to war, will be attacked by America First. In other words, this group is cooperating with every branch of anti-war groups such as the KKK, Christian front, Anti-British, Catholic group, German group and every pacifist group in the country.

This is one organization that will always have to be watched. From the Communist angle, William Castle has on his payroll William Sanger, a former Communist, Stalin school graduate. Sanger now receives $250 a month and is located at Washington, D. C.

It must be remembered that America First has plenty of money back of it in General Wood, Mrs. Jeanette Ayer Fairbanks, Frank O. Lowden, Thomas H. McCarter, Edward L. Ryerson and Pew, who controls the Sun Oil Company in New York. The bitterness which Castle, John L. Lewis, Hugh Johnson

Pew, Colonel McCormick, Senator Wheeler and others has against Roosevelt is such that they would not deviate one inch in fighting everything that the President wants or attempts, and consequently the British suffer to a great extent."

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The Daily Oklahoman published an article on August 26, 1941 to the effect that the American Legion, Post #36 adopted a resolution requesting the City Council to deny the use of the Municipal Auditorium for a speech by Charles A. Lindbergh, speaker of the America First Committee. In a similar action the Knights of Pythias Lodge and the Oklahoma State Women's Ambulance and Transport Corps lodged formal protest against granting Lindbergh the use of the hall. The Daily Oklahoman on August 27, 1941 stated that the City Council voted to deny Charles A. Lindberg the use of the Municipal Auditorium. This article further states that the City Council's action came after several city organizations protested Lindbergh's appearance in Oklahoma City and rescinding order of T. T. JOYNSON, Auditorium Manager, permitting the meeting in the Auditorium. This article further reveals that Lindbergh notified the America First Leaders that he would speak on "air power" anywhere the appearance can be arranged. On August 28, 1941 the Daily Oklahoman published an article stating that the Sandlot Baseball Park 3200 N. W. 10th Street had been rented for the America First Committee's rally to be addressed by CHARLES A. LINDBERGH and BURTON K. WHEELER on August 29. On a day later, August29, 1941 CARL J. STEWART, Managing Editor of the Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times published the following letter which was delivered to Charles A. Lindbergh upon his arrival in Oklahoma City August 28, 1941. The letter reads as follows:

"It has been announced that Friday you will speak in this community for the cause of isolationism. Of all the persons advocating this idea, you are perhaps its most persuasive sponsor. I think I have read carefully every press report of your recent utterances. Almost without exception, I find them negative. They abound in "shall nots" without, as I see it, offering any valid alternatives.

Perhaps in your mind there are alternatives. If that is the case you should, in all honesty and candor, state them also.

To focus your attention upon the gaps that appear to me in your platform for America, and doubtless to millions of other Americans, I submit to you the following 10 questions, together with my sincere recommendation that frank and responsive replies to them can hardly fail to serve

a very useful purpose at this time:

1 -- Did you not, prior to lend-lease express the conviction that Britain alone never can defeat Germany?

2 -- Did you not also publicly oppose the lend-lease bills?

3 -- If your answer to these questions is "yes" does it not necessarily follow that you would rather see a peace on Germany's terms, than to see the United States take any action to prevent such a development?

4 -- Do you think "Germany's terms" would be anything less than complete political and economic domination of the entire European continent?

5 -- Do you think such a peace would be tolerable to the United States?

6 -- Do you think a democratic western hemisphere could do business with a totalitarian eastern hemisphere on any other basis than slave-labor competition and an armed truce?

7 -- Would you, as an American, rather face the prospect of making and maintaining the United States as an armed camp for the next 50 years than to take any steps to help insure the defeat of Germany?

8 -- You said recently that as between Germany and Russia, you would rather see the United States allied with Germany. I assume this statement was made with due regard to the realities of the situation, and that it means that you would rather ally the United States with Germany against Britain, than with Russia against Germany. Is that your position?

9 -- Does your view of the course the United States should take in this world revolution arise out of a personal belief that democratic framework of government have been outmoded and that the only nations that will be able to compete in the world of the future must be organized as a totalitarian pattern?

10- -Are you prepared to recommend this view to the American people?

I await your reply when you are here Friday.

Sincerely
(Clark K. Stuart "

W. H. "ALFALFA" BILL MURRAY, Former Governor of the State of Oklahoma introduced Lindbergh in a 15 minute address. Former Governor MURRAY said he was present at the meeting because he believed that in the Capitol city of his State the right of free speech was in danger and that he felt it his duty to attend. The writer attended the rally of the America First Committee on 8-29-41 at Sandlot Park in which CHARLES LINDBERGH and Senator BURTON K. WHEELER spoke on behalf of the America First Committee.

Following is the speech of CHARLES A. LINDBERGH as delivered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on August 29, 1941:

"As you all know, I stand with the men and women in America who oppose our entering this war in Europe. There are many reasons why I believe we should not enter the war. I have discussed these reasons freely and openly in articles and radio addresses during the last two years. I have said that I did not believe it was within our power to control the wars, or to solve the problems that have existed in Europe since European history began. I have said that we were hot prepared to wage war abroad successfully at this time, and that we would not be prepared to do so for months if not for years to come.

I have said that our participation in this war would simply add to bloodshed and prostration in Europe, and bring confusion to our own country. I have said that the United States is strong enough and able enough to protect itself, and that we in America do not have to depend upon any foreign country for our security and welfare.

To these statements and beliefs, I hold as firmly today as I have at any time in the past. Developments since the war started have already partially proved them correct; and I think that by the time the war ends, you will find I have in no way misled you.

But tonight, I am going to lay aside the broader issues of the war, and talk to you about air power, its capabilities, its limitations, and its consequences. I have selected air power as my subject for two reasons: First, because of its great military importance; and second, because aviation has become a symbol of this modern, scientific and mechanized era in which we live. Germany has used aviation to change the entire technique of warfare both on land and on the sea. England is using aviation to strike back at a continent she is unable to invade. The American interventionists are usin aviation to justify the occupation of Iceland, to prepare the way for an occupation of Africa, and to add to the general hysteria of the war. The capitalists are using aviation to make money, and the taxpayer is finding aviation a more and more expensive item on his bill.

I spent many years of my life surveying and laying out air routes in North and South America, and across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. One of the greatest problems I encountered in those years lay in the difficulty of persuading people that aviation was actually a practical from of transportation; that, some day, this country would be spanned in a single night by passenger carrying air-liners -- and that, eventually, even the oceans themselves would be flown on regular schedule.

That was only a little over 10 years ago. Now I find myself in the novel position of arguing that aviation has certain limitations as have all of the other inventions of man. Ten years ago, I was trying to convince the government and the people of this country that transoceanic

passenger carrying was not only possible, but also practical. Today, I am trying to assure our government and our people that while trans-oceanic bombing is possible, it is not practical, and that the damage it could do on wartime standards would be slight.

I find the same people who scoffed at transatlantic air routes 10 years ago, now telling me that if the British empire does not win this war, the United States of America will be conquered by air invaders from Europe. They say that the world's two greatest oceans are no barrier to bombing planes, and that at any moment we may find trans-oceanic parachuse troops raining down on the streets of our major cities.

Our own president has talked about air invasions by way of icecapped Greenland, and about others based on the jungles of Central and South America -- incidentally, at cruising speeds that are far higher than any racing plane has yet attained. Well, 10 years ago, those of us who believed in aviation set out to make this country "air minded." We seem to have succeeded, and now I suppose it is our job to get its feet safely back onto the ground. Now that we have become "air minded," our next problem is to learn how to operate aircraft to our best advantage.

But from what I say here, do not gain the impression that aviation has reached its ultimate development. It has still far to go both in commerce and in war. The bombing plane will become more destructive, the pursuit plane more effective, and the commercial plane more efficient than they are today. It is even possible that the discovery of new sources of energy will permit us to build rocket planes in the future which will outperform the mythical bombers of our present day politicians and interventionists. With unlimited energy available, one can conceive of speed limited only by the acceleration the human body can withstand. In that case, our descendants may some day accelerate halfway across the ocean, and "decelerate" the rest of the way across. If new sources of energy are discovered, the power of explosives will also increase. And then, in some future generation, fifty, or a hundred, or a thousand years from now, the United States may be as vulnerable to attack from Europe as England is today.

Now, I am sure that many interventionists will feel that since we may some day harness the atom and travel in rockets, we should go to war immediately to make the world safe for whatever system of government exists in that unknown and distant time. But I am among those non-interventionists who feel that we have enough problems to solve in our own generation; and that if our grandchildren insist on splitting atoms and building rockets, it must be upon their own responsibility. I believe that our generation will have accomplished its duty if we pass on to our children a free and independent American heritage that is not too greatly burdened with the debts of war. And so, for the present at least, I am willing to pass the atom and the rocket plan over to the interventionists, to hold in trust for generations of the future.

In discussing air power, we should start with the realization that man's conquest of the air will bring revolutionary changes to the entire

world, and that the changes which take place in one portion of the world are bound to affect in some degree all other portions. Whatever affects America affects Europe and Asia; and, conversely, whatever affects Europe and Asia is bound to have more or less effect on America.

Possibly we can appreciate the significance of air power better by considering the effect that sea power has had on the relationship and fortunes of nations. The comparison is not exact, but it is enlightening. And one must remember that aviation has developed as much in a generation as shipping developed over a period of centuries.

Now when great changes in methods of warfare take place, history shows that empires and nations fall, and other rise instead. The important problem for us in this country to solve, is how to turn the changes of this modern era to our advantage and how to avoid having them used against us. If we use air power intelligently, we can increase our national safety, add to our standard of living, and improve the quality of our civilization. But if we do not use air power intelligently, if we expose ourselves unnecessarily, if we fail to understand its limitations as well as its advantages if we allow some foreign nation to turn the developments of modern warfare against us we may find our national safety in jeopardy, and our standard of living far lower than it is today. In fact, air power if unintelligently handled, could bring the downfall of the very civilization which created it.

After a careful study of this problem, both in America and Europe, over a period of years, I was forced to the conclusion that France and England were not in a position to win a war against Germany, and that the dominant position in Europe had shifted from England, as a sea power, to Germany as a land and air power. The same study brought me to the conclusion that while aviation greatly strengthened our position in America from the standpoint of defense, it greatly weakened our position from the standpoint of attacking Europe.

I based these conclusions upon many observations and facts, there is not time to outline all of them tonight, but I would like to bring some of the most outstanding to your attention:

It was obvious, even before this war started, that air power made it costly, if not impossible, for naval forces to operate within effective bombing range of an enemy coast adequately protected by aircraft. This meant that troops could not be landed and maintained on any coast where an enemy had strong supremacy of the air. These facts have been confirmed by the results of naval and air battles off the coast of Norway, in the Skagerrak, in the North Sea, off the coast of Greece, and in the vicinity of Sicily and Crete. Wherever sea power and air power have clashed during this war, there is not a single instance where sea power has won.

It was obvious, before the war started, that Germany had by far the strongest air force in Europe, and that air power could strike across the English channel and behind the Maginot line, regardless of the strength of the

British navy or the French Army. These facts, too, have been confirmed by the developments of the war.

It was obvious that aviation, and the mechanization of ground forces, among other elements, placed Germany among others in a stronger position under Hitler than France was in under Napoleon.

It was obvious that England lay within idea bombing range of aircraft based on the continent of Europe, and that her sea lanes could be harassed both by submarines and bombing planes. German objectives, on the other hand, were farther removed from bases in the British Isles; so that even if England and Germany had equal numbers of fighting planes the advantage would still lie with Germany.

It was just as obvious that the great distance across the ocean placed America outside the effective bombing range of European aircraft, and that even if it were possible to establish European air bases in South America which I beli3ve we can prevent, the United States would still be outside of their effective bombing range.

After I had traveled through the various nations of Europe and Asia, I came to the conclusion that there were two, and only two, great and natural air powers in the world at this time --the United States, in the western hemisphere, and Germany, in the eastern hemisphere. I was convinced that neither was in a position to attack the other successfully across the ocean unless an internal collapse preceded an invasion. It seems clear to me that the quickest way for Germany to lose the war would be to attack America and that the quickest way for America to lose a war would be to attack Germany.

By way of illustration suppose we should follow the lead of the interventionists and enter a war against Germany. In that case, we must send the great bulk of our armies, and supplies, and fuel, across the Atlantic ocean on ships - ships that would have to be built, for there are not enough in existance today. The vulnerability of the shipping to bombing planes, raiders and submaries, has already been shown by British losses. Our convoys would be harassed in the Atlantic by Germany, and possibly in the Pacific by Japan at the same time. And under this harassment by bombing plane, raider and submarine we would have to find some way of forcing a landing, on a hostile coast. We would have to force a landing against the prepared positions of the same army and air force that broke the Maginot line and overcame the British, French and Belgian armies combined. We might easily find ourselves fighting, at one and the same time, the military forces of Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Japan and other nations, with the natural resources of Russia available to them. And it is not at all inconceivable that before this war is over, England herself may turn against us, as she has turned against France and Finland. Reasons are always found to justify whatever action a nation takes in time of war. It was no more improbable in 1939 that England would turn against Finland and France, than it is today that she will turn against us.

it becomes expedient to her welfare in the future. If you question my words now, I ask only that you read a history of the relationships between the United States and England during the last hundred and fifty years, and that you combine with this a re-reading of the pledges of everlasting loyalty that took place between England and France less than two years ago. If you will do this, I believe you will agree with me that we must depend upon ourselves and ourselves only, for our security in the future.

Now instead of following the lead of the interventionists, suppose we concentrate on our own defenses, as I have advocated, since long before this war began. I have maintained that if we attend properly to our own defense, no European or Asiatic power will dare to attack us; and that if we attend properly to our own affairs, none will desire to. But suppose that the fears of the interventionists come true, and we are attacked. In that case it would be our enemy, and not we, who would have to force a landing on a histile coast. It would be our enemy, and not we, who would have to maintain supply lines across the ocean against the harassment of our bombing plan our submarines, and our battleships. In that case, we could use our own aviation to the utmost advantage, concentrating it within a few hours at any point on our shores, and basing it on established and well-equipped air fields. If the British navy with its bases strung out from Alexandria to Scapa Flow -- if that navy with Gibraltar and Malta to assist it, cannot remain within bombing range of the European coast, then how can any navy, or any combination of navies, cross the ocean, and without a single base in this hemisphere, land an expeditionary force on American shores?

Instead of reducing the value of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans from the standpoint of our security, aviation makes them more important than ever before. Air power practically removes the danger of attack by sea; and the oceans themselves prevent effective attacks by air.

Let us take advantage of this fact. Let us take advantage of the changes that aircraft and this modern era bring to nations and to men. Let us use these changes to our advantage, and not permit them to be used against us. They can either strengthen our American independence, and add to the quality of our western civilization, or they can take us back into the endless wars and quarrels of the old world. The nation that makes use of these advantages will survive, and the nation which fails to understand them is certain to fall. The choice is the test of America, and the way of life we have built up in this new world.

We have the most perfect defensive position of any nation. We have highly developed industries, and an entire hemisphere full of natural resources. Here in America we have developed new standards of life and a new civilization; and our forefathers fought for the right to do so. Our entire national tradition is based on independence. Shall we now give up the independence we have won, and crusade abroad in a utopian attempt to force our

ideas on the rest of the world; or shall we use air power, and other advances of modern warfare, to guard and strengthen the independence of our nation; Shall we sell our American birthright for the mess of pottage that is offered us in Europe and Asia today; or shall we preserve for our children the free and independent heritage that our forefathers passed on tu us?

The America First Committee is an organization of men and women who stand firmly opposed to merging our future with that of any foreign land. We stand for a united nation behind an impregnable defense and an independent destiny for America. We stand for American traditions -- for the right of free citizens to meet, and to discuss the issues that confront their nation; for the right to know about, and to vote upon, the fundamental policies of our government. We stand for the right of those who will do the paying and the dying to also have a voice in the deciding.

If you stand with us, we ask you to join our committee. Our strength is growing in every section of thecountry. But we need your assistance here in Oklahoma. We need your assistance that freedom and independence and representative government, may continue to live in this nation. "

Senator BURTON K. WHEELER reiterated his opposition to active participating in the present war and scorned alleged propaganda, "jus like that used in the last war." Senator WHEELER attacked the action of the City Council and stated, "I am glad the people of this state don't feel about CHARLES LINDBERGH as your city council does. There isn't a more honest, decent, patriotic man in America." Turning to national affairs the Senator declared himself, "opposed to every kind of 'ism' except Americanism, even if you must call it New Dealism." WHEELER further declared "our boys would have to be sent to all parts of the world, to police India, China and other places and I am not in favor of sending American boys to die on the battlefields of Europe or Asia. If we go to Europe to save democracy again, we are likely to lose it in this country. " Membership cards were distributed in this rally by the America First Committee, 408 Perrine Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On the back of this membership card are the principles of the local organization :

1. Our first duty is to keep America out of foreign wars. Our entry would only destroy democracy, not save it. "The path to war is a false path to freedom."

2. Not by acts of war abroad but by preserving and extending democracy at home can we aid democracy and freedom in other lands.

3. In 1917 we sent our American ships into the war zone and this led us to war. In 1941 we must keep our naval convoys and merchant vessels

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on this side of the Atlantic.

4. We must build a defense, for our own shores, so strong that no foreign power or combination of powers can invade our country by sea, air or land.

5. Humanitarian aid is the duty of a strong, free country at peace. With proper safeguard for the distribution of supplies, we should feed and clothe the suffering and needy people of England, the other democracies and the occupied countries.

On August 30, 1941, [redacted] advised that he had been one of the members of the American Legion to appear before the City Council protesting the use of the Municipal Auditorium for use by CHARLES A LINDBERGH on behalf of the America First Committee. [redacted] further advised that the City Council is composed of the following members:

A. P. VAN METER, JOE C. CAMPBELL, SALTY FULLERTON
HARLAN GERS, LEONARD H. DICKERSON, L. I. BAKER
PERCY JONES, G. A. STARK;

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was the only person to appear before the City Council who spoke in favor of granting the use of the municipal auditorium to the America First Committee. [redacted] further stated that Councilman JOE CAMPBELL inquired of all those persons who were protesting the use of this auditorium to LINDBERGH if they had considered the possibility of getting the situation reversed and of giving to LINDBERGH additional favorable publicity by denying him the right to use the auditorium. [redacted] said that A. P. VAN METER, Councilman was opposed to LINDBERGH's using the auditorium because of the tenor of LINDBERGH's previous remarks which indicated a tendency toward subversive activities. A motion was made that the Mayor be instructed to deny the use of this Municipal Auditorium to LINDBERGH for the purpose of making a speech which might be considered subversive in nature. Mayor R. A. HEFNER, inquired as to whether the motion should be voted upon in secret or openly; since there was no reply to this inquiry Mayor HEFNER stated all those who would vote in the negative would sifnity their intention and since there was no indication of any negative votes being cast, Mayor HEFNER stated that all the votes would be cast in the affirmative to deny LINDBERGH the use of the municipal auditorium on the occasion of August 29,1941.

TICE T. JOHNSON who had rented the auditorium was instructed to return the rental fee to the America First Committee, according to the statement that [redacted] made. [redacted] related that HERBERT K. HYDE, who is chairman of the America First Committee in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma is a republican seeking much publicity. [redacted]

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By letter of August 25, 1941, [redacted] b2 advised as follows:

"A reliable source has reprted that German groups around New York have received instructions to advise parentsof men serving under the Selective Service Draft to tell their sons to prepare petitions to SENATOR WHEELER, protesting against their retention in the armed forces more than a year period. The suggestion is to have the men form groups or clubs for this purpose. Such petitions are to be sent to the PRESIDENT and Senator WHEELER. It is to be pointed out that the soldiers need not fear punishment for this, after what happened at Fort Dix where the General announced a pardon. (Presumably refers to newspaper statements by MAJOR GENERAL CLIFFORD POWELL, in command of the 44th Division, Fort Dix, N. J.) The groups meet in taverns in the prosperous suburbs around New York, in Westchester County and Connecticut. Active support for the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE is also advocated. It is known that the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE leaders are nervous over the shortage of operating funds, which has recently resulted in paid workers being laid off. The support of the German organizations and the funds they provide is therefore of vital importance to the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE and gives them prestige and power in this work.

That the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE is being used, consciously or otherwise, to do the work of German interests in obstructing the national defense effort is indicated by the above and other items of information. One of these items is that the GERMAN LIBRARY OF INFORMATION mailing list has been made available to the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE and used for their purposes."

On July 2, 1941 the Tulsa Tribune published an article which stated that DON LOHBECK scheduled a meeting for the Tulsa Chapter of the America First Committee at 8:00 pm July 11, 1941 in room 211 of the Albany Hotel. In this article it is further stated that LOHBECK had said that Senator GERALD P. NYE of North Dakota who had spearheaded the Committee's program of non-interventionist in the European war probably will come to Tulsa to address a mass meeting to be planned by the local committee. On August 21, 1941 Rev. O.A. PANKEY acting chairman of the America First Committee, Tulsa, attempted, with the assistance of W. S. FOULIS, to make arrangements with the Mayo Hotel for operations to contend a meeting of this committee, but such arrangements were unsuccessful. On August 25, 1941 the Tulsa Tribune published an article that CHARLES LINDBERGH might be booked for a peace lecture while in the state for his Oklahoma City address. This article further stated that Reverend PANKEY, Temporary chairman, advised: (1) The committee had abandoned efforts to secure a room in the Mayo hotel for the meeting and obtained permission to use one of the district court rooms instead. (2) Dis claimed any intention of serving as promised chairman permanently for the America First Committee with the statement "I don't have time." In the article

Reverend PANKEY is quoted as stating that some forty Tulsans had been invited by telephone to attend the meeting which will be purposely for the business of electing permanent officers. The tulsa World on August 26, 1941 published an article which stated that MACK SHRODES former republican Police and Fire Commissioner was elected chairman of the America First Committee, Tulsa Chapter, at a meeting at the court house Monday night. This article relates that only about 30 persons turned out for the meeting that out of these thirty, fourteen signed up for membership in the America First Group. In an article appearing in the Tulsa Tribune August 30,1941 MACK SHRODES, Chairman, Tulsa America First Committee is quoted as saying he would like to secure Senator BENNETT CHAMP CLARK for a meeting in Tulsa on September 17. SHRODES is further quoted as saying in this article that CHARLES LINDBERGH and Senator BURTON K. WHEELER were invited to speak there but were forced to decline due to the other many engagements which they had. In the Tulsa Tribune on September 2, 1941 is an article which states that the America First Committee may stage a membership campaign in Tulsa on following up the cards signed at Tulsa meeting and by Tulsans at the CHARLES A LINDBERGH speech in Oklahoma City on August 29, 1941. This article also stated that MACK SHRODES, Committee Chairman will go over new organization records tonight with Mrs. ELLA GESSEL and EUGENIA POWER, Secretary and Treasurer. SHRODES is quoted further as stating that W. S. FOULIS, Chicago Secretary and Organizer would be here soon to help outline the committee's program.

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[redacted] supplied the following information concerning the activities of the America First Committee in Tulsa, Oklahoma:

July 14, 1941 meeting of the America First Committee was held tonight at 8:00 pm in the Baldwin Methodist Church, 2200 Block on North Frankfort, with about 43 women and seven men attending. Among this group there were four men with the Reverend SMITH group and three men from the A.P.M. and later two married couples joined the group. DON LUBBOCK St. Louis organizer opened the meeting stating that his committee group had intended forming a chapter in Tulsa and raising funds to get the Hon. Senator WHEELER there for an open air meeting. LUBBOCK then introduced attorney MEAD of the Oklahoma City Branch. MEAD asked for funds several times and although no money was offered he reiterated his former statement that the "best insurance against further war is to finance this committee." [redacted] b7C

[redacted] in all instances "they are out of town," with excuses. The literature distributed in these meetings was the usual type, carried in the general stock of the America First Committee.

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July 18, 1941.

A close search for DON LUBBOCK, Organizer for the America First Committee was of no avail because neither he nor MEAD were in town. [redacted] said she was not contacted at all by them as promised and a call to [redacted] disclosed that she had received a letter from LUBBOCK asking that she attend the meeting last Monday but she had a previous engagement and was not interested in the America First Committee. [redacted] said through a telephone conversation that she will be willing to act as Chairman if Senator WHEELER will come and speak but she doesn't want to line herself in the open with any specific group. [redacted] further stated that while she is willing to work for peace she likes to do it through her own efforts [redacted] and not through the dictates of any organization. [redacted] said that she is very busy in her own way and expressed herself as well gratified of the results of the Tulsa Tribune Peace Poll which showed that 85% of the population is against any open warfare with anyone. She said "This will give a little more leeway in coming out in the open and while I don't like the America First Group coming here and trying to steal the limelight I still maintain that we can well handle the situation as far as peace is concerned. We are sure that the working people are essential in any group or drive and we have prepared an appeal to the various labor groups for cooperation.

August 20, 1941.

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Mrs. DORIS WEST came into the picture today with an announcement that she will attend the Oklahoma City Youth Legislature meeting on Labor Day and incidentally mentioned the America First Committee, the Rev. PANKEY as being holy pacifists, Rev. TETRICK as one who has no stand at all, Rev. SMITH as anti-semetic who has no peace stand at all and that Nazi sympathies are without bearing on the general peace situation. Mrs. WEST further announced, "If the American First Committee, including General WOOD has so many different aims among the leaders there is certainly no future for them and the names of those honest leaders whose sacrifices are holding up the committee are bound to fall when the crucial moment arrives." She also spoke of the A.P.M. mentioning the last release she had received from the national office urged that immediate material be sent to Russia to relieve the strain of the Russian production of war materials. This infuriated Mrs. WEST and she wrote to them to discontinue sending her material for distribution. She lauded, however, their efforts and would aid them in any way possible to

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make a weak movement stronger in Oklahoma despite the protests of her husband who had resolved to give up all activities along these lines.

August 26, 1941.

The schedules meeting of the America First Committee was held on the second floor of the county Court, Corner of 6th & Boulder with only the guests present which included 34 people of whom only nine were women. The Reverend PANKEY, GEORGE FOULIS, Special representative of the Chicago Chapter of the America First Committee and Rev. SMITH were on the platform when PANKEY opened the meeting explaining briefly that the America First Committee is exactly what the word stands for; namely to defend America first. PANKEY went into a lengthy history of his family, as well as his own personal history, making it look like an alibi for his presence at the meeting. He then introduced FOULIS who went into a lengthy explanation as to what the America First Committee stands for and what they have accomplished and stated that they earnestly hope to keep this country out of any foreign entanglements, including war. He eulogized LINDBERGH and WHEELER as those who are sacrificing their career and their futures in order to accomplish the aims of this committee. He then went into lengthy plea for support of this committee in Tulsa and finally asked for the nomination of a permanent chairman. Both Rev. PANKEY and Rev. SMITH who were nominated declined in favor of MACK SHRODES and promised support from them if he would accept the nomination which he did after a brief discussion with FOULIS. SHRODES made an acceptance speech expressing confidence in the movement and asking for cooperation for all those present. Included in the audience was RAYMOND ANDERSON, who butted into the speech that FOULIS made asking how the America First Committee stands on supporting the Russian Peace in defense of their country. FOULIS explained that they are for aiding all democracies in Europe and they would have no love for any Nazi, Fascist or any other didactic or dictatorial power, however, he sidestepped the real question of Anderson's. Very conspicuously the O.Y.L and the A/P.M. members have been absent from the meeting although Miss HOWARD said that all of them have been called on the telephone asking them to be present at the meeting tonight and that she expected about 50 people to be present allof whom she had called. The following permanent committee was elected:

MACK SHRODER, Chairman
MRS. GESSEL, Secretary
MISS HOWARD, Treasurer

Executive Committee

REV. SMITH
REV. TETRICK
GEORGE PERRINE
ED HOLSUM
JAMES TURDOCK
EDMOND FISHER

There was much discussion about going to Oklahoma City on Friday to hear the address by CHARLES A. LINDBERGH and a delegation was announced from this chapter to be accompanied by others who were willing to go. No comment was had from anyone present regarding this meeting and most of those present as shown had a rather optimistic view regarding the success of the

movement in Tulsa. There is some dissention existing already among those who have favored the America First Committee as the following statement will show. A fellow named [redacted] said, "I would have opposed the presence of Reverend SMITH at this or any other meeting of the America First Committee because he has been identified with the KKK and the Silver Shirts and every other radical movement including Anti-Semitism. Although I have no real love for the jews I don't try to persecute them and I don't go around preaching against them. In this case I don't think that Reverend SMITH at this or any other time should be included in any official capacity because that is going to hurt more than any good he may expect to do and I doubt that I ought to be in it with him."

Another fellow named [redacted] expresses similar sentiments regarding this Reverend SMITH and [redacted] added that he, SMITH, has been very anti-labor and that it therefore, will be hard to interest the laboring classes in this movement. [redacted] further stated that the working men in the Tulsa District are determined to follow the lead of the City Administration which is far from being pacific or far from having any peace tendencies, for the population according to [redacted] is strongly pro-British, therefore, it is going to be a real problem to put the America First Committee on the market there.

On August 30, 1941 at 7:30 pm there were 47 persons in the hall at a meeting of the Oklahoma Youth Legislature including four negroes; with the arrival of MACK SHRODES at 7:50 pm the meeting was called to order by BOB STONE with the introduction of four participants in the symposium. Miss DOROTHY MURDOCK, representative of the fellowship of reconciliation, was the first. GEORGE CHURCHILL, leader of the Bundles for Britian group was second. MACK SHRODES, Tulsa Chairman of the America First Committee was the third, and LENORE WOLFE, Executive Secretary of the OYL was the last speaker. MACK SHRODES, explained that he was not prepared to make an address but asked permission to read GEORGE WASHINGTON's address and asked those present to get a copy of it and read and study it and they would find that this country has no moral right to intervene in Europe's affairs. At this Oklahoma Youth Legislature meeting it was found that there occurred a heated argument regarding LINDBERGH and his recent Oklahoma City speech in which he failed to mention anything about the Nazis. MACK SHRODES now head of America First Group in Tulsa defended LINDBERGH, WHEELER and others claiming that their stand is the stand of the majorityof American public, and reiterated the much publicized statement that 80% of the American public does not want any European intervention. He then left the meeting stating he had another engagement to keep.

The writer ascertained from KATHRYN MANTON, Secretary of the State's Office, Oklahoma State Capitol, Oklahoma City that the America First Committee is not registered, incorporated, or licensed in the State of Oklahoma.

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RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that while with Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE recently, he requested that I make arrangements to have a Special Agent attend the America First rally to be held in Los Angeles on either October 1 or 2, at which Senator BURTON K. WHEELER of Montana will speak. The Attorney General stated he would like to be advised as to the size of the group and its reactions to the Senator's statements.

This matter will be handled and the Bureau advised immediately in order that this report may be furnished to the Attorney General in accordance with his request.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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